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Finland Notes City Founding And Sports

With the world's ski championships taking place in Finland this year, the General Direction of Posts and Telegraphs of the country will issue on February 1 two stamps to commemorate the occasion. A 20 markka will show a ski jumper at peak action, while a 30mk. will show a skian running.



The adhesives were designed by Aarne Karjalainen and engraved by Stig Ronnberg and R. Achren, respectively. Editions will be of one and two millions, respectively.

March 8 will mark the 400th anniversary of the founding of the city of Pori (Bjorneborg). The event will be marked philatelically by the issuance of a single 30mk. item depicting the famous painting, "March of the Bjorneborgians" by Albert Edelfelt. It is the work of Karjalainen and Ronnberg. Printing will be in blue, with two million copies being issued.

"Doughboy Statue" Slogan Cancel Offered

A special slogan cancellation reading "Doughboy Statue Dedication U. S. Infantry" was placed in use January 15 at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga., the Post Office Department has announced. It will remain in use through July 15.

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Influence Of Two Missionary Brothers Is Still Felt; Long Dead They Confound Commies

Glen D. Everett

The Communist government of Bulgaria has recently issued a commemorative honoring two great heroes of that nation, Saints Cyril and Methodius. It is the first stamp issued by Bulgaria depicting any religious subjects since that country fell under Stalinist rule ten years ago. The fact that the Bulgarian regime, the toughest and most ruthless Communist government in the world, should find it necessary to give even this small recognition to the continued existence of the Christian religion in that land gives new evidence of the indomitable spirit of the Bulgarian people.

Bulgarians are a long-suffering people accustomed to tyranny. In fact, the stamp itself calls attention to another period of oppression in Bulgaria, the centuries when that nation was under the cruel backward rule of the old Turkish Empire. For the stamp commemorates the 100th anniversary of the first public veneration of Sts. Cyril and Methodius which occurred in 1847.

The Ottoman Turks had long forbidden any public mention of the two brothers who 1000 years before had brought Christianity to the Bulgars and other Slavic people of the Balkans. When the Bulgarians at last won the right to honor their saints publicly, it was the beginning of the end for Turkish rule and an important step toward the independence Bulgaria finally won in 1878.

The story of Cyril and Methodius is that of two brave and courageous brothers who were

dedicated to their Christian ministry. They were natives of Greece and were born in a troubled time of the Dark Ages. They were courtiers of the Emperor of the East at Constantinople. In the year 861 he sent them on a mission to the Khazar people, one of the Slavic tribes who live in the Volga River valley in what is now southern Russia.

The brothers were deeply moved by the hospitality they received, but grieved that their hosts and the other Slavic peoples among whom they passed en route to Russia were steeped in age-old superstition and worshipped pagan idols. When they returned they resolved to give up

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Nations Of The World Keep A Plentiful Supply Of Designs Coming Of A Religious Nature

Waller A. Sager

The printing presses of the world's postal administrations continue to pour forth stamps of religious significance in undiminished numbers. In 1956, over 130 stamps in more than 100 different designs having some religious significance were issued. It is still too early to publish a 100 per cent complete listing of the religious stamps of 1957 but indications are that the year will not be far behind the number issued in 1956. Collectors of religion on stamps are thus assured of a continuous supply of new issues, and completeness—an easy task a dozen years ago—becomes an ever receding goal.

In 1955, COROS (Collectors of Religion on Stamps Society), recognizing the increasing number of religious stamps being issued and wishing to encourage high standards of design and artistry in these issues, inaugurated the annual COROS Awards to be presented to the nations issuing the most beautiful religious stamps during the year, as determined by a vote of the members. Certificates of Merit are awarded in each of four categories: Best Catholic, Best Protestant, Best Jewish and Best General Christian themes.

The first nation to win the COROS Award for the best General Christian design was the Saar, whose semipostal stamp showing Durer's painting of the "Praying Hands" was voted the most attractive and appropriate religious stamp of 1955. The same award went to Argentina in 1956 for that country's 1 peso airmail showing the Christ Child detail from Leonardo da Vinci's painting of "The Madonna of the Rocks".

The award for the best Catholic design of 1955 went to Spanish Guinea for a stamp showing a native priest at Mass. Vatican City took the same award in 1956 for the set showing the Black Madonna of Czesochowa.

The 1955 award for the best Protestant design went to Monaco for the set honoring Dr. Albert Schweitzer, famous medical missionary of central Africa, and the 1956 award went to the German Federal Republic for its stamp honoring the National Protestant Day festivities.

Israel, as was expected, has earned the award for the best Jewish design of both years with a large design featuring a lighted Menorah in 1955 and with the Twelve Tribes set in 1956.

1957's crop of religious stamps presents many beautiful designs and the balloting this year will be as exciting as ever. Following is a list of 1957's religious topicals which is as complete as we can make it at the present time, since some of the stamps issued in November and Decem-

ber may not become known for a few weeks.

Religious Stamp Designs Of 1957

Argentina — Church of Santo Domingo, Buenos Aires. 40c-July 6.

Australia — Christmas set showing Star of Bethlehem and "Child Samuel" by Sir Joshua Reynolds. 3½ and 4d—November 6.

Austria — Shrine and Basilica of Mariazell. 1S-June 22.

Belgium — Virgin of the Ink Pot, 5fr.+2fr.-December 18. St. Remacle, 1.50fr.+50fr.-December 18. Church of Our Lady of Victories, Brussels, 2.50fr.+1fr.-December 18.

Brazil — First Centenary of the Codification of Spiritualism. 2.50Cr.-April 18.

Convent & Chapel of San Antonio at Recife. 2.50Cr.-date unknown.

Bulgaria — Sts. Cyril & Methodius. 44s-(date unknown).

Colombia — Centenary of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Colombia. 1c and 5c. Centenary of the birth of Fr. Jose Maria Delgado. 2c and 10c.

Cuba — Nativity, 2c and 4c—December 23.

Piarist Fathers School set, 4c 12c, 30c—November 19.

Czechoslovakia — 300th anniversary of Jan Amos Komensky, Moravian Brethren pastor. 30, 40, 60 heller, 1kcs-March 15.

Kolin Cathedral. 30h.

Church at Banska Stiavnica. 30h.

Church at Uherske Hradiste. 60h.

Ecuador — Fray Vicente Solano. 20c.

Cathedral at Cuenca. 80c.

Eire — Fr. Luke Wadding. 3d, 1/3-November 25.

Egypt — 10m Tomb of the Ag-

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A total of 16 stamps was released by the Post Office Department during 1957, including the new 30-cent Special Delivery. The face value of all sixteen was only 84 cents. A recapitulation for all of these stamps discloses that 6,342,230 first day covers were serviced at 20 post offices, and that 18,453,281 stamps were sold on these first days, with a face value of \$653,647.45.

The PM General's annual report, just released, features a photograph of President Eisenhower speaking at the Labor Day stamp dedication on the lawn of the White House on September 1. Six pages are devoted to enlarged reproductions of regular and commemorative stamps and the 4c postal cards issued during the fiscal year ending June 30.

Sales at the Philatelic Agency reached a five-year high, with a net revenue of \$1,990,911, despite a slight drop in the number of individual orders. Revenue for the four previous fiscal years was: 1953—\$1,829,505; 1954—\$1,801,714; 1955—\$1,769,316, and 1956—\$1,894,855.

Turkish Embassy Clears Price Problem

The announcement was made recently that the Turkish set of two stamps honoring Benjamin Franklin was available from the Turkish Embassy in Washington and at certain other points, at 47c per set. It later developed that some sources were offering the same stamps at less than half this figure.

Direct inquiry at the Embassy brought this reply under date of January 8:

"The Turkish Government is offering to sell the stamps at the official rate of the dollar, which is 2.80 lira to a dollar. At this rate the value of a set (1.30 lira) is 47 cents in U.S. currency. "The Turkish stamps sold by the dealers are probably obtained through unofficial and unlawful channels. That is the reason why they are able to offer them at a cheaper price."

The foregoing explanation should dispel any suspicion on the part of collectors that dealers who had not made purchases with black market Turkish funds are asking unduly high prices for stock they had purchased through legal channels at the official 47c rate.

Detroit Clubs Plan Joint Show March 8-9

The 19th Anniversary exhibition and bourse of the North West Stamp Society in conjunction with the Scandinavian Collectors Club will be held March 8-9 at the K of C Hall, 13500 Leasure, Detroit, Mich.

The 1958 officers of the North West Stamp Society are Kenneth L. Brown, president; F.M. Dudley, vice president; Tony Formell, secretary; Carl Tordrup, treasurer.

Further details about the organization or the exhibition may be obtained from Mr. Formell at 4626 31st St., Detroit 10, Mich. or Louis K. Sievert, 16860 Fenmore Ave., Detroit 35.

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East Suffolk County Club Plans Shows

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Meetings are held on first Mondays and third Wednesdays at the new meeting place, the Family Center Bldg. which is just outside the main gate at the Suffolk County Air Force Base. The February 3 meeting will feature a stamp contest with three prizes.

The club is planning two exhibitions for the coming months. One to be held at the Air Force Base in the very near future to show representative collections to the airmen stationed there and to explain why collectors find stamps such a fascinating hobby. This exhibit is designed to interest non-stamp collectors, and is the club's contribution to the recreational facilities offered to the men of the Air Force Base.

The second is planned for later this season and will be an exhibition, stamp bourse and membership drive with refreshments all in one. Dates for both exhibitions will be announced as soon as possible.

One interesting feature of Eastern Suffolk County Stamp Club is the variety of interests gathered together in one organization. Trading is active at all times and often complicated due to the wide interests between members.

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434 11c Green	2.40	.60	.30
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501 3c Dk. Violet	1.25	.35	.05
506 6c Orange	.80	.20	.03
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508 8c Olive Bistre	2.20	.55	.05
510 10c Yellow	1.30	.35	.02
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565 14c Blue	1.60	.40	.07
566 15c Grey	3.60	.90	.03
570 50c Lilac	1.85	.40	.05
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577 2c Carm. Imperf.	1.10	.30	.30
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595 2c Carm. P. 11	30.00	7.50	.10
610 2c Harding	.40	.10	.03
611 2c Harding	3.80	.95	.85
612 2c Harding	5.25	1.35	.07
617 1c Lex-Concord	1.15	.26	.23
618 2c Lex-Concord	2.60	.65	.40
619 5c Lex-Concord	6.70	1.65	.55
620 2c Norse-Amer.	2.25	.55	.52
621 5c Norse-Amer.	12.00	3.00	2.60
622 13c Green	1.60	.40	.05
623 17c Black	1.90	.50	.05
627 2c Sesqui-Cent.	.25	.05	.05
629 2c White Plains	.95	.22	.15
631 1 1/2c Brown-Impr.	1.60	.40	.30
632-42 Comp. Set, 1926	7.50	1.90	.50
643 2c Vermont	.17	.14	.14
644 2c Burgoyne	.40	.35	.35
645 2c Valley Forge	.15	.08	.08
646 2c Molly Pitcher	.60	.15	.13
647 2c Hawaii	1.40	.35	.25
648 5c Hawaii	5.00	1.20	1.10
649 5c Aeronautics	.60	.15	.08
650 5c Aeronautics	2.60	.65	.50
651 2c Clark	.60	.15	.14
653 1/2c Olive Br.	.10	.04	.02
654 2c Edison P. 11	.60	.15	.14
655 2c Edison P. 11x10 1/2	.56	.14	.04
656 2c Edison Coil Pr.	2.00	1.00	.10
657 2c Sullivan	.35	.08	.07
660 2c Wayne	.18	.17	.17
661 2c Ohio	.45	.12	.10
662 2c Mass.	.36	.09	.06
663 2c Charleston	.76	.19	.17
664 1 1/2c Brown	.05	.02	.02
665 4c Brown	.36	.09	.02
666 2c Braddock	.60	.15	.13
669 2c Steuben	.48	.12	.08
690 2c Pulaski	.30	.07	.05

UNITED NATIONS

	Mint	Impt.	Impt.
	Sgls.	Blk.	Blk 6
1-11, C1-4 First Issues			
Complete	3.20		
12 Charter	.32	1.75	2.50
13-14 Human Rights '52	1.10	6.00	9.00
15-16 Refugees '53	1.40	7.00	9.50
17-18 U.P.U. '53	1.50	7.25	10.00
19-20 Tech. Assist. '53	.55	2.50	3.75
21-22 Human Rights '53	.60	2.95	4.10
23-30 Human Rights '54	7.60	37.00	51.50
2c Postal-1952 Aircraft Unaddressed	.70		
776 3c Texas	.20	.05	.02
777 3c Penn	.20	.05	.02
782 3c Arkansas	.20	.05	.02
783 3c Oregon	.20	.05	.02
784 3c Anthony	.20	.05	.02
785-94 Army-Navy	2.00	.50	.25
Ordinance	.24	.06	.03
796 Va. Dare	.50	.13	.07
798 Con-Sesqui.	.24	.06	.02
799 3c Hawaii	.30	.07	.03
800 3c Alaska	.30	.07	.03
801 3c Puerto Rico	.28	.07	.03
802 3c Virgin Isls.	.28	.07	.03

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	Un-used Blk.	Un-used Sgl.	Used Sgl.
730 1c Chicago	.04	.02	.01
731 3c Chicago	.06	.02	.01
735 3c Byrd	.10	.03	.01
750 3c Parks	.10	.03	.01
751 1c Parks	.16	.04	.01
778 3c Tipex	.20	.06	.02
797 10c Smokey Mt.	.24	.06	.04
948 5c & 10c Cent.	.28	.07	.02
958 thru 963			
Any 3c Commem.	.16	.04	.02
964 3c Oregon	.22	.06	.03
965 3c Stone	.22	.06	.04
966 3c Palomar	.24	.06	.04
967 3c Barton	.20	.05	.03
968 3c Poultry	.20	.05	.03
969 3c Gold Star	.20	.05	.03
970 3c Ft. Kearny	.20	.05	.03
971 3c Fireman	.20	.05	.03
972 3c Indian	.20	.05	.03
973 3c Rough Riders	.24	.06	.04
974 thru 980			
Any 3c Commem.	.20	.05	.03
981 thru 1020	.16	.04	.02
1021 5c Perry	.32	.08	.02
1022 thru 1029	.16	.04	.02
1060 thru 1065	.16	.04	.02
1066 8c Rotary	.40	.10	.04
1067 to date			
Any 3c Commem.	.16	.04	.02
C7 10c Blue	.70	.18	.07
C8 15c Brown	1.20	.30	.22
C9 20c Green	1.80	.43	.20
C10 10c Lindbergh	.45	.30	.30
C11 5c Beacon	.95	.21	.07
C12 5c Winged Globe	2.00	.50	.07
C16 5c Violet	.30	.07	.07
C17 8c Olive	.80	.20	.06
C19 6c Orange	.90	.23	.03
C20 25c Blue	1.60	.40	.30
C21 20c Green	1.95	.45	.15
C22 50c Carmine	3.25	.80	.50
C23 6c Carm. & Blue	.70	.16	.04
C24 30c Trans-Pac.	4.50	1.15	.30
C25 6c Carmine	.28	.07	.02
C26 8c Green	.44	.11	.03
C27 10c Purple	.60	.15	.04
C28 15c Brown	1.40	.35	.05
C29 20c Green	1.40	.35	.05
C30 30c Blue	1.60	.40	.07
C31 50c Orange	3.00	.75	.30
C32 5c Carmine (Lg.)	.24	.06	.03
C33 5c Carmine (Sm.)	.28	.07	.03
C34 10c Black	.50	.13	.03
C35 15c Green	.70	.17	.03
C36 25c Blue	1.10	.30	.03
C37 5c Carm. line pr.	.24	.06	.03
C38 5c N. Y. Air	.32	.08	.07
C39 6c Carmine	.28	.07	.02
C40 6c Alexandria	.32	.08	.04
C42 10c U.P.U.	.50	.13	.03
C43 15c U.P.U.	.80	.20	.09
C44 25c U.P.U.	1.25	.32	.20
C45 6c Wright	.32	.08	.04
C46 80c Hawaii	3.60	.90	.23
C47 6c Anniv.	.32	.08	.03
C48 4c Blue	.23	.06	.02
C49 U.S.A.F.	.32	.08	.03
CE1 16c AMSD	1.00	.25	.24
CE2 16c AMSD	.80	.20	.07
F1 1911 Blue	2.00	.20	.20
FA1 15c Red	.80	.20	.10

MINT PLATE NUMBER BLOCKS

	Un-used Blk.	Un-used Sgl.	Used Sgl.
644 2c Burgoyne	\$ 5.00		
650 5c Aeronautics	6.75		
651 2c Clark	1.75		
689 2c Von Steuben	3.50		
717 Arbor Day	.85		
724 3c Penn	2.50		
726 3c Oglethorp	2.50		
737 3c Mothers Day	.30		
772 3c Conn.	.37		
773 3c San Diego	.45		
774 3c Boulder Dam	.50		
775 3c Michigan	.34		
776 3c Texas	.30		
782 3c Arkansas	.30		
783 3c Oregon	.30		
784 3c Suffrage	.25		
787 3c Army	.25		
792 3c Navy	.25		
795 3c Ordinance	.30		
796 5c Va. Dare	1.65		
798 3c Con-Sesqui	.30		
799 3c Hawaii	.33		
800 3c Alaska	.35		

MINT COIL STAMPS

	Pair	Single
344E 2c Imperf.	\$ 1.35	.75
352 1c Green	4.50	2.25
384E 2c Imperf.	.45	.25
385 1c Green	2.10	1.05
409E 2c Carmine	.25	.13
412 1c Green	.55	.30
443 1c Green	1.50	.75
495 4c Brown	.70	.35
497 10c Yellow	1.80	.90
597 1c Green	.10	.05
598 1 1/2c Brown	.08	.04
599 2c Carmine	.16	.08
602 5c Blue	.24	.12
603 10c Yellow	.44	.22
604 1c Yel. Gr.	.08	.04
606 2c Carmine	.10	.04
656 2c Edison	2.00	1.00
688 1 1/2c Brown	.10	.05
687 4c Brown	.18	.09

	Un-used Blk.	Un-used Sgl.	Used Sgl.
801 3c Puerto Rico	.30		
802 3c Virgin Isls.	.38		
803 1/2c Franklin	.15		
804 1c Washington	.09		
805 1 1/2c Martha Washington	.14		
806 2c Adams	.15		
807 3c Jefferson	.18		
808 4c Madison	.38		
809 4 1/2c W. House	.80		
810 5c Monroe	.32		
811 6c Adams	.36		
812 7c Jackson	.45		
813 8c Van Buren	.48		
814 9c Harrison	.50		
815 10c Tyler	.50		
816 11c Polk	.90		
817 12c Taylor	.90		
818 13c Fillmore	1.00		
819 14c Pierce	1.00		
820 15c Buchanan	.85		
821 16c Lincoln	1.55		
822 17c Johnson	1.60		
823 18c Grant	1.75		
824 19c Hayes	1.95		
825 20c Garfield	2.10		
826 21c Arthur	2.55		
827 22c Cleveland	2.45		
828 24c Harrison	1.30		
829 25c McKinley	1.80		
830 30c Roosevelt	3.00		
831 50c Taft	6.00		
832 \$1.00 Wilson	26.50		
833 \$2.00 Harding	.80		
835 - 3c Ratification	1.10		
836 - 3c Swede-Finns	2.35		
837 3c N. West (Sm.)	1.00		
838 3c Iowa	.50		
852 3c Golden Gate	.65		
853 3c N. Y. Fair	1.25		
854 3c Inaug.	.85		
855 3c Baseball	1.25		
856 3c Canal Zone	.40		
857 3c Printing	.40		
858 3c Four States	.40		
894 3c Pony Express	1.85		
895 3c Pan-Amer.	1.65		
896 3c Idaho	.75		
897 3c Wyoming	.90		
898 3c Coronado	.90		
899 1c Defense	.20		
900 2c Defense	.28		
901 3c Defense	.57		
902 3c Emancipation	1.35		
903 3c Vermont	.75		
904 3c Kentucky	.60		
905 3c Win War	.23		
906 5c China	3.50		
907 2c U. N.	.18		
908 1c Four Free.	.25		
909-21 Flag Set Complete	8.75		
922 3c Railroad	.46		
923 3c Steamship	.37		
924 3c Telegraph	.37		
925 3c Corregidor	.75		
926 3c Movies	.40		
927 3c Florida	.28		
928 5c U. N.	.30		
929 3c Iwo Jima	.17		
930 1c Roosevelt	.09		
931 2c Roosevelt	.16		
932 3c Roosevelt	.28		
933 5c Roosevelt	.26		
934 Thru 957 Any One	.19		
958 5c Pioneers	.35		
959 3c Women	.19		
960 3c White	.24		
961 Thru 963-each	.19		
964 3c Oregon	.40		
965 3c Stone	.95		
966 3c Palomar	1.10		
967 3c Barton	.25		
968 3c Poultry	.35		
969 3c Gold Star	.24		
970 3c Kearny	.24		
971 3c Fireman	.35		
972 3c Indian	.25		
973 3c Rough Rider	.50		
974 3c Juliette Low	.23		
975 3c Will Rogers	.35		
976 3c Ft. Bliss	.35		
977 3c M. Michael	.24		
978 3c Gettysburg	.24		
979 3c Turner	.24		
980 3c Harris	.40		
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From The Ghana Philatelic Agency

Mr. Manfred R. Lehmann who is to manage the Ghana Philatelic Agency called us by phone from Miami, Fla. on the evening of January 9 and spoke of our editorial which was to appear in our issue of January 13. It seems that a copy of this editorial had been sent from our Sidney office direct to Mr. Lehmann.



GEORGE W. LINN

Mr. Lehmann objected to some of the things we said and we advised him that we would be very glad to permit him to answer our remarks if he would care to do so. This he agreed to do and we are now able to print his letter herewith.

In doing this please note that we stand by what we have already printed in our issue of the 13th. Our information came direct from Ghana from an unquestionable source and is correct.

Mr. Lehmann is operating as the Ghana Philatelic Agency. Here in America our Philatelic Agency is operated so that the stamp collector may obtain good stamps for his collection. The Ghana Agency will not serve the collector, only the dealer. Ghana discounts its stamps 25% to the Ghana Philatelic Agency which is Mr. Lehmann. It is therefore evident that the stamps are definitely

issued because there is a market for them to collectors.

Following is the letter from Mr. Lehmann:

Ghana Philatelic Agency Statement

January 9th 1958

To the Editor,
Linn's Weekly Stamp News
Sidney, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

We exceedingly regret that you saw fit to publish an Editorial about the Ghana Philatelic Agency, without affording us an opportunity to correct many of the misconceptions expressed. We appreciate, however, your invitation to write a rejoinder to said Editorial.

The grievances against some occurrences during the early stages of the State of Ghana are well known in the philatelic field. It is true that the Nkrumah issue was first scheduled to be withdrawn after about three months, but was later extended for an indefinite period of time. It had been expected that a Definitive Series would be available in time to keep the announced withdrawal date, but this proved impossible as Crown Agents required 6 to 8 months to produce a new stamp issue. It is also true that many philatelists sent in money to Accra for stamps which they did not receive. It was frankly admitted that the Philatelic Service of the Post Office in Accra did not function efficiently enough, especially under the impact of the unexpectedly heavy demand for Ghanaian Stamps. These occurrences were deeply regretted in Ghana.

It was exactly for these very reasons that the Government of Ghana decided that its philatelic matters should be handled by an organization run in a businesslike, alert manner, placed in the center of the philatelic trade. Several well-known American stamp dealers applied for this assignment, asking high commissions. The Government, however, appointed us, at a substantially lower commission. We are no stamp dealers, never have been, and don't expect to be, and, consequently, have no axes to grind in the stamp field. We have been active for about 3 years promoting commercial interchange between the United States and Ghana, and enjoy the confidence of the Ghanaian Government. In our case, they felt there would be no danger of speculation. Since we are no dealers, we have no special interests besides serving the dealers and create good will for Ghana.

In your Editorial you picture our role as a decisive one. Actually, we willingly subjected ourselves to close subordination to the Ministry of Communications in Accra, which decided all policies for Ghanaian stamps and their sale. All issues are Cabinet matters; the printing of the stamps is contracted by the Ministry of Communications, as is the approval of designs etc. (The Ministry has just let a contract to the British stamp printers Harrison and Sons, Ltd., for the production of the Independence Issue for March 6 1958.) Our job is to collect philatelic suggestions and recommendations and pass them on to the Ministry, as well as to serve the stamp dealers around the world with efficient, economical and fast service. If dealers send us their checks, they are sure to receive their stamps with a minimum of delay, paying minimum postal rates. We are also available to give dealers and stamp editors advance information on coming issues, to hand out photographs of such stamps, make available panels and other material for stamp shows and clubs, and in every way facilitate the business of the innumerable philatelists who have made Ghana their special field of interest.

You mention the role of the J. Henry Schroder Banking Corporation. The fact is, that the stamps remain the property of the Government of Ghana at all times, until sold. Those portions of stamp issues available for sale abroad are kept in the custody of J. Henry Schroder Banking Corporation who act as bankers and fiscal agents for the Government of Ghana. You are completely in error in saying that the Ghana Philatelic Agency "purchases" the stamps from the Bank. We are agents for the Ministry of Communications; as such, we don't buy from the Ministry, but sell the stamps on its behalf.

Your editorial gives a narrative on the writer's supposed role in the Genesis of the Black Star Line Commemorative Issue. You are again erring grossly. The decision to issue such commemorative stamps was made by the Government in early September, long before our appointment as Philatelic Agents. You insinuate that I persuaded the Government to issue these stamps and to accept "our" designs. The facts are that when I arrived in Accra, the Government had already received for consideration other designs, produced in Israel, for this issue. I have actually seen these designs. The Gov-

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SMILEATELICS

Bob Ricker



"You bet that's a genuine London bank parcel. Can't you see the monacles, bits of broken tea-cups, and an old copy of the Times?"

1958 Michel Europe Fine Reference Book

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The other nations of Europe are also given a better than ordinary treatment. Most of them have the extras such as the more popular local issues, occupations and telegraphs. All listings are accompanied with adequate illustrations—varieties are pictured in "blow-ups."

There are 1629 pages bound between hard cloth covers. The language is German but this is a handicap easily surmounted since the German is translated into English, French, Spanish and Portuguese via a comprehensive glossary.

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Included in the listings are all the revenues of a national character since 1897. The material is not planned to be comprehensive—just simplified. None of the provincial, municipal or over-printed issues are recorded since these run into great numbers.

Values are given for unused copies in good condition—these the opinion of the author and several men closely allied to this specialty. There are numerous illustrations—the listings are descriptive of the various stamps.

The publisher, from whom copies can be purchased, is William J. Vitale, 1840 S. Fifth St. Alhambra, Calif.

1958 STAMP PROGRAM

March 15 — Gardening and Horticulture, Ithaca, N. Y.

April 15 — Brussels Exhibition, Detroit, Mich.

April 28 — James Monroe 200th Anniversary, Montross, Va.

May 11 — Minnesota Statehood, St. Paul, Minn.

June — Mackinac Straits Bridge. (No further details).

June 12 — Gunston Hall-George Mason, Lorton, Va.

Aug. 15 — Atlantic Cable, New York, N. Y.

Sept. 22 — Journalism, Columbia, Mo.

Oct. 10 — Overland Mail, San Francisco, Calif.

Oct. 16 — Noah Webster, West Hartford, Conn.

Dec. 31 — International Geophysical Year. (No further details).

Details as to denomination, color and design of all the above stamps will be announced when available.

UNITED NATIONS

Feb. 10 — 3c and 8c Atomic Energy Agency.

June 2 — 8c Regular issue.

CANADA

Jan. 22 — Newspaper Stamp, 5c. (See Linn's of December 16 for FDC details).

To obtain First Day Covers collectors can send a reasonable quantity each with a name and address, and enclosing a sticker to the Postmaster of the designated first day city with a request for FD Service. Payment must accompany to cover the face value of the stamps to be affixed. For UN and Canadian first day, watch the news stories on these and follow instructions.

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By CARL P. RUETH

No, you're wrong! This is not the design of the Remonstrance commemorative of December 27 last. It is the one however which almost brought the house down about the ears of the POD officials.

when the tax stamp was proposed and accepted originally, the funds derived were to be used for land acquisition. The Interior Department says that if the fee goes to \$3 then at least 50c of the dollar increase will go to wetlands buying.

Presently, four million acres are under federal care as wildlife refuges. Steps, if the boost goes through, will then be taken to acquire 3½ million more to make the total 7½ million acres. The states are then urged to take over another 5 million which will bring the total to 12½.

I am in favor of doing all we can to economically preserve our wild waterfowl and wild life in general. Perhaps the extra dollar will help. However, if the increase does go through Congress then it should be a law which absolutely designates the fixed sum for land purchase, and not to be used for everything else but.

Wouldn't want us to get behind the eightball with the birds like we have with the Whooping Cranes and the Florida Key Deer. And I would say stern measures are called for to eliminate the possibility of losing for all time a species as we lost the Carrier pigeon.

You might remember reading where the stamp picture was changed at the last minute because as constituted it provided an affront to those who based their religious beliefs on the Bible, the book contained in the design.

You will note that in this reject the 17th century hat rests on the holy book. An observant official told the PMG that this was hardly a respectful presentation. Mr. Summerfield agreed whereupon changes were made which took the hat off the Bible and placed it in back of it.

On the issued stamp the Bible has been given a 90 degree turn to the right which brings the open side to the fore and the spine to the back. This information is sufficiently interesting to include with your write-up. You might even clip this picture for mounting even though it is on newsprint. If you wrap it in one of the clear plastic materials this will help preserve it and make it a bit more appealing to the eye.

Belmont Faries, stamp editor of the Washington Sunday Star, Washington, D. C. graciously sent along a photo of the rejected design.

1. Besides a view of the Kansas City, Mo. skyline what other item is included in the design of the Kansas City Centenary issue?

2. What five items were prominently included in the Colorado Statehood issue?

Fred Korotkin of Minneapolis Minn. states that the "Tribune" of his city had a news item to the effect that the price of a "Duck" stamp might go to \$3. This is brought about because hunters of wild waterfowl feel they are not getting a fair shake from the Department of the Interior's Wildlife Service.

Outdoorsmen claim that wetlands areas which are home to the birds are being drained off to the point where it is hurting the population of the flocks. Marshes, lakes and the like provide food and shelter. If these disappear so must the birds—and hunting.

The government claims that the 4½ million dollars which the present \$2 stamp brings in doesn't leave much for wetlands purchase after development and maintenance of existing areas, surveys, and enforcement.

The hunters point out that

all of his FDC's come through with the hour in the postmark as 9 a.m. This is just something set up as standard. Everyone knows that the covers aren't all cancelled at 9 a.m. and that they are cancelled days before and after the release date even though that date appears in the cancel.

With commercial first class mail it is different. Here a time or date can be of some importance. Such inscriptions have been the means of deciding legal cases. Therefore the postal clerks see that the cancelling die is kept rather accurately as to time.

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The 10th Annual Design Derby will close officially on February 28. Mail bearing ballots postmarked no later will be counted.

Those clubs with meetings coming up can send a stamped, addressed envelope for as many ballots as they need. We have them free. Direct the request to me. A "voting night" makes a nice program, especially if duplicates are retained and prizes given to the one or ones coming closest to the final results as reported in Linn's.

Individuals can use this ballot, make their own, or tick their choices off on a postal card. But get to voting now and put your ballot in the mailbox.

Stan Shantz, stamp editor of the London, Ont., Canada Free Press has just completed and tallied a poll conducted by his paper similar to the Design Derby conducted by this column. I know many of you are interested in the stamps of our good neighbors to the north, so for that reason will render the results.

The Free Press Canadian Poll was termed a "Popularity". Judging from the results it appears that voters picked them more for looks than how well they sat with the public. I think I'd have to pick them the same way.

1. Royal Visit; 2. Loon; 3. UPU 15c; 4. Thompson; 5. UPU 5c; 6. Hunting; 7. Fishing; 8. Mining; 9. Skiing; 10. Swimming.

The top three are really good-looking!

A number of people have told me of finding plate number 25884 of the Whooping Crane stamp in their post offices. This would be in addition to those previously reported.

A lot of Christmas cards are coming late!

I refer to those which were placed for first day cover service of the Human Rights commems with the United Nations Postal Administration. The day of issue was December 10. The most recent that I have received was on January 9, almost a month late.

1. Westport Landing in 1850.
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The writer was born in 1889 and died in 1957. She was a Nobel prize winner in 1945.

Another new item on the Chilean scene, according to Guillermo Preuss of Santiago, is the current 200p. airmail (Scott's No. C175) on unwatermarked paper. The design and color remain the same.

Fred J. Grumm Dies; West Coast Philatelist

Fred J. Grumm, 72, retired engineer and prominent stamp collector of Sacramento, Calif. died there January 8. He had been active for years in Coast philatelic circles, and was a frequent winner in exhibitions of local to national status. He is survived by his widow, Lina, and two sons.

His interests were largely early 19th century, leaning toward Western covers and Sacramento postal history. He was a member of the Sacramento Stamp Club, Western Cover Society, Philatelic Research Society, and American Philatelic Society.

Polish Churchman Was Bee Expert

Aloysius J. Paruzynski

Poland recently issued two stamps of different designs to memorialize one of her great sons, the Reverend Jan Dzierzon. One portrays this priest who spent a life time in the study of bees; the other shows a bee, a flower and a hive. The first day of issue was October 30, 1956.



Reverend Jan Dzierzon was born and baptized on January 16, 1811 in the village of Lowkowice, county of Kluczbork. His parents names were Simon and Maria.

His first education was received in the local school in Lowkowice. At the age of ten he was sent to Byczyna, to a Catholic school where all teaching was done in German because this part of Poland was then under German occupation. From there he went to Wroclaw and attended the Cathedral school in the years 1821-1822. His education continued at the Gynnasium (secondary school) which he completed with honors in 1830.



He was a very bright student and from earliest boyhood was intensely interested in the life and culture of the bee. After the summer vacation in 1830, he enrolled for Theology at the University of Wroclaw. After completion of his studies he was ordained to priesthood in 1834.

Father Dzierzon was appointed curate at the parish in Siolkowice and a year later became pastor in Karlowice. Here he spent long years in pastoral work. Every free moment from his priestly duties however he devoted to the study and culture of bees. From here he sent by mail, his observations and advice to other apiculturists in many countries.

During the years 1869-1870 an anti-papal movement flared up in Germany, after the publication of the Dogma of Papal Infallibility. Father Dzierzon joined this movement and was excommunicated from the Church. Despite this, he remained in Karlowice with his beloved bees until 1884.

The quarrel with the Church did not dim his fame in the educational field. He now devoted himself entirely to apiculture. When results of his studies were scrutinized and proved by famous physiologists of Germany and other countries, honors and acknowledgements began to come from many parts of the globe.

The University of Munich presented him with an honorary degree and crowned heads of Prussia, Sweden, Austria and Russia bestowed upon him the high honors of their countries.

In 1884, Father Dzierzon moved to Lowkowice and lived with his nephew, Francis Dzierzon, for 22 years. In his 92nd year he attended a conference of apiculturists in Siedmiogrodz. A year later he traveled to Vienna where the Austrian Emperor, Franz Josef I, after a lengthy audience, presented Father Dzierzon with the Golden Cross of Merit, first class. This was the second decoration the priest received from the same monarch, the first being some 40 years previously.

Father Dzierzon possessed ten decorations from several countries. It was said at that time, not even the Iron Chancellor Bismarck owned that many decorations.

In the last years of his life, the priest's health began to fail. His legs refused obedience and a cane became his help. Later, he was confined to a wheel chair which was manned by friends and members of the household so that he could still go among the bee hives.

A little more than a year before his death, Father Dzierzon reconciled himself with the Church. On October 23, 1906, the local pastor came to him with the Holy Viaticum and admini-

Santa Barbara Club Elects 1958 Officers

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stered the last sacraments of the Church.

Before his death, Father Dzierzon begged to see his beloved bees once more. A hive was brought to his room. The golden insects buzzed around noisily, happily; then one by one returned to the hive. The room became silent. The priest understood their "Symphony of Parting." Tears streamed down his face. "Return them," he said, "they want freedom."

In the parish registry in Lowkowice the following entry is made: "Former pastor, Dr. Jan Dzierzon, died on October 26, 1906, in the hour of 11:30 a. m. at the age of 95 and ¾ years."

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Rebuilding Of The Basilica Of St. Peter And The Vatican Palace From The Early Years

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ALEXANDER VII

(Continued from last week)

In August 1655, Alexander VII ordered the laying of the marble floor in St. Peter's according to the plan of Bernini, who was also commissioned to do the floor of the benediction loggia. A bas-relief by Bernini was placed over the main entrance representing Christ appointing St. Peter as shepherd of his flock. Further decoration of the altars and chapels continued.



The old piazza of St. Peter's was too small for the crowds that gathered there on solemn occasions. Plans drawn up by Papirio Bartoli and Carlo Rainaldi under Innocent X were inadequate, though remarkable. Alexander placed this project in the hands of Bernini, who succeeded in creating unity of the Square, the entrance of the Vatican and the rooms connecting the Vatican to St. Peter's.

His first step was the staircase, the Scala Regia, which replaced an irregular dark ascent to the Sala Regia and Sistine Chapel with a commodious well lighted staircase of great beauty. This was begun in 1663 and finished in 1665.

A niche was provided for the equestrian statue of Constantine the Great, finished by Bernini under Alexander VII but unveiled in 1670. This was to correspond with a statue of Charlemagne at the end of the Portico of St. Peter's recalling the first two great protectors of the Church, the creator of the eastern empire and the founder of the western empire on guard at the tomb of St. Peter.

Over all objections Alexander VII put the project of the Square into the hands of Bernini on July 13, 1656. The Fabbrica then ordered the demolition of all buildings from the Piazza del Priorato to the Campo Santo on August 19, 1656, and the work began in September. December saw the purchase and removal of more houses.

Bernini's original plan called for a two stories portico with a palace to the left corresponding to the Vatican. After prolonged study he submitted his sketches on March 17, 1657, of the actual colonnade as it is today, and it was approved. Work began in June 1657, and medals struck at the time show a third portico which would have closed the open part of the porticoes, but which was abandoned. The work was not completed until November 1666.

The first of 1667 saw the beginning of the sloping flight of steps in place of those of Paul V, and the rising corridors which join the colonnade to St. Peter's. During this time a whole band of sculptors under Bernini's direction was at work on the 96 statues of saints, five meters high, intended for the balustrade of the colonnade.

Bernini gave to the piazza the form of an ellipse to which is joined a quadrilateral widening out in the direction of St. Peter's. The quadrilateral is framed by the corridors leading to the basilica and on the right by the

entrance to the Vatican. This oblique shape softens the impression of excessive width of the facade, and pushes it back to make it appear loftier.

The colonnade is linked to the corridors, and is formed by four rows of Doric columns which thicken outwardly. These 284 travertine columns are fifteen feet high and divided into groups by 88 pilasters bearing a plain entablature and attic with its statues. The colonnade forms three corridors, the middle one being vaulted and wide enough for the passage of two carriages.



Their practical purpose is the sheltering of pilgrims from the sun and rain, a plan in the mind of Nicholas V when he planned the three approaches to St. Peter's. Symbolically they are two arms stretching out to welcome the pilgrims to the tomb of St. Peter. While this work was going on, the foundation for a second monumental fountain, corresponding to that of Carlo Maderno, was laid in 1667.

At this time the monument to the Chair of St. Peter was designed and placed in the choir apse of St. Peter's enshrining the episcopal chair used by the Apostle. Originally a chair of plain oak, its front and back had been decorated with antique ivory tablets in the ninth century. Rings had been added to admit staves so that it could be used as a sedia gestatoria.

It had stood in the Baptistery of Pope Damasus in the old St. Peter's, and was an object of veneration before the third century when the Feast of the Chair of Peter was observed on February 22. Urban VIII had it decorated and placed in the new baptistry and Innocent X had enclosed it in a bronze reliquary.

Bernini sketched a small model from which his pupils prepared a larger one. Work on it was begun in 1657 and the casting completed in 1665. It required more bronze than the baldacchino, weighing 191,383 pounds. Giovanni Artusi da Piscina directed its casting, and its gilding was supervised by Carlo Mattei.

On January 18, 1666, the feast of St. Peter's Chair, the venerable chair was carried into the choir apse and enclosed in Bernini's monument. The base of the

huge bronze is of multicolored marble, with statues of Sts. Augustine and Gregory, Latin Fathers, and Sts. Athanasius and John Chrysostom, Greek Fathers of the Church, surrounding it. (Pastor XXXI pp 284-304).

CLEMENT X

This pope saw the unveiling of Bernini's statue of Constantine, and worked for the completion of the statues on the colonnade. He resolved to erect a corresponding fountain to Maderna's in the Square of St. Peter's.



The Moderna fountain was moved to its present site. It was then discovered that the Acqua Paola would not provide sufficient water for two fountains, so it was necessary to enlarge the aqueduct from Lake Bracciano. Clement X died while this work was in progress (Pastor XXXI p. 451).

INNOCENT XI

Under Innocent XI Carlo Fontana suggested the extension of Bernini's Colonnade as far as the Piazza Scossa Cavalli, and that it be rounded off with a triumphal arch and clock tower. Because of straightened circumstances in 1679 Innocent XI refused this suggestion, but instructed Fontana and Giovan Battista Centini to provide the second fountain of St. Peter's with water from Lake Bracciano (Pastor XXXII pp. 35-37).

CLEMENT XI

Clement XI gave instructions for the execution of the statue of Charlemagne, and ordered the completion of the statues for the colonnade. Sergradi in 1720 proposed the completion of the colonnade according to Bernini's plan but nothing was accomplished because of the death of the pope. (Pastor XXXIII pp. 517-524).

BENEDICT XIV

Benedict XIV was bothered by recurring rumors that the cracks which had long ago appeared in the Dome of St. Peter's would lead to its collapse. In 1740 a commission of three cardinals was set up to investigate this circumstance. They concluded that it was an unfounded rumor and nothing more.

Luigi Vanvitelli, architect of the Fabbrica of St. Peter's made an examination and came to the same conclusion. In 1742 further examination was made by architects Domenico Gregorini, Ferdinando Fuga, Pietro Ostini, Nicola Salvi, and Vanvitelli, all of whom reported no danger. The cracks meant that the structure had settled.

Mathematicians Ruggero Bosovich, S. J., Thomas le Seur and Francois Jacquier were consulted in 1743, together with Giovanni Poleni, professor of Mathematics at Padua. Poleni decided that the cracks were due to lateral pressure of the upper components and recommended the affixing of more iron bands (Continued on page 9)

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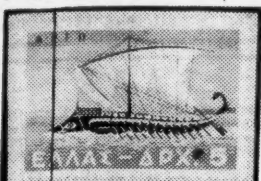
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The set depicts the development of the ocean going craft of the country, from antiquity to date. The highest value, 5 drachmas bears an artist's conception of the "Argo" of the Argonautic expedition of mythology. It is based upon designs found on vases dating from more than 2,500 years ago.

At the other extreme, the low value 50 lepta shows a modern oil tanker plowing its way through the waves. In between, the other four items show various recent to ancient vessels:

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The remaining value, 3.50dr., presents a sixth century sailing ship, after a design painted on a vase by Nicosthenes.

The stamps are in full color, with backgrounds in various shades of blue. Red, yellow and black used where indicated. They were designed by A. Tassos and printed by Aspioti-Elka Graphic Arts Co., Ltd., Athens, Greece, in editions ranging from 125,000 (5dr.) to 7,500,000 (50l.). With the drachma pegged at 29.90 to the \$1 U. S. the total face value of the sextet is but 45c.

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Scheduled for early release by Cuba are two stamps to honor the memory of an American who became a Cuban citizen. He was Dayton Hedges, born at Bridgehampton, N. Y. in 1884. He removed to Cuba in 1919 and became a leading industrialist there. His death occurred in New York in 1957.

The stamps show an aerial view of a textile factory, with Hedges' portrait inserted at the upper left. A 4c blue is for regular postage, while the 8c green is airmail. To be issued in sheets of 50, the editions will be 1,000,000 and 100,000 respectively. Printing will be by P. Fernandez, S. A. Havana, by the steel engraved process, according to Ricardo del Campo, of Havana.

Hedges, first interests in Cuba were power and light operations, but in 1931 he shifted to textiles and built the first of a series of American style textile operations on the island. Later, he expanded further into rice and cotton producing. Through his efforts he added much to the nation's rise from the status of being solely a producer of sugar.

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This year the show will have 100 frames of exhibits entered by the club members and 20 containing junior exhibits, plus a bourse of 18 dealers.

A new feature is being inaugurated. The club projector will be used to show interested persons suggestions on what can be collected. Album pages will be shown taken from different members' holdings, each showing various ways of preparing stamps for a collection.

Information pertaining to the show may be obtained from Charles E. Horn, 2459 W. Granville Rd., Worthington, Ohio.

VATICAN

(Continued from page 8)

to strengthen it as had been done under Sixtus V.

This was done under the supervision of Vanvitelli, who also decorated the three tribunes of St. Peter's with gilded stucco. Under Benedict XIV St. Peter's acquired some of its best statues of saints (Pastor XXXV pp. 163-167).

The Museum of Christian Antiquities was founded and formed under Benedict XIV. This had been suggested to Clement XI by Marcantonio Boldetti and Francesco Bianchi. Benedict XIV acquired two private collections as a nucleus, and after indecision as to whether the museum should be at the Vatican or the Capitoline, it was begun in 1755 at the Vatican so it would be connected with the Vatican Library (Pastor XXXV pp. 219-222).

Clement XIV was grieved by the removal of antique statuary from Italy and the Pontifical State, despite previous decrees by various popes, and he began to purchase all available antique statuary. In 1771 he commissioned Michaelangelo Simonetti to convert into a statue gallery the former summer house of Innocent VIII near the Belvedere, and to join it to the Belvedere courtyard.

This was completed in 1773 and housed the antiques collected from Julius II to Clement XIV. From then on newly discovered statues were brought and placed in the Clementine Museum (Pastor XXXVIII pp. 512-515).

PIUS VI

One of the first works of Pius VI was the construction of a much needed sacristy of spacious size which had been contemplated by Alexander VII, Clement XI and Clement XII. Pius VI examined the plans and models of his predecessors and finally approved the plan of Carlo Marchione, the Roman who had built the Villa Albani.



July 1776 saw the purchase of the Church of St. Stephen of Hungary from the German College, and neighboring houses which must be removed to make way for the sacristy. On September 22, 1776 Pius VI laid the foundation stone of the new sacristy. In the summer of 1777 the old sacristy was demolished, and in 1779 the Porta Fabbrica was taken down and re-erected as the Porta San Pietro on another site. Numerous other buildings were removed to give space for the new sacristy.

As the work progressed it was seen that the cost would be much higher than estimated, and the original plan had to be curtailed. In June of 1784 the new sacristy was placed in operation at a cost 15 times higher than the original estimate. Many condemned it as unartistic, but it had only one great flaw—it stood next to the work of Bramante and Michael Angelo.

Two passages, one to the choir chapel and one to the left aisle, join the sacristy to St. Peter's. From the street a broad double flight of steps leads to the main entry. In the center of the Sac-

ristry is the Sagrestia Commune, an octagonal domed room. To the east of this lies the Canons Sacristy which leads to the chapter room, while to the west is the beneficiaries sacristy which leads to the Guardarobia, which is used as the treasury. Connecting to the building are the lodgings for the canons. On the upper floor are the archives of St. Peter's.

New finds of ancient statuary came to the Vatican and the Clementine Museum was enlarged and the Galleria delle Statue was made to include the Belvedere as far as the Vatican Library. A new title of the Pio-Clementine Museum was given to the work.

Pius VI gave a 14-ton bell to St. Peter's as well as the two clocks on the attic of the vestibule. In the interior of St. Peter's he provided 25 mosaic frontals for various altars, installed new windows in the Dome, and re-gilded the ceiling of the nave. The mosaic factory was installed in new quarters.

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Francis Cardinal Spellman, Philatelist

Ernest A. Kehr

Yankee Stadium was filled with four Cardinals, scores of prelates, monsignori, members of the clergy, high civic dignitaries and persons from all walks of life on a Saturday in September. They all came—many of them from distant points—to do honor to Francis Cardinal Spellman on the 25th anniversary of his elevation to the episcopate. The ceremonies, culminated by a solemn High Mass and a personal message from Pope Pius XII, were as spectacular, colorful and impressive as any ever held outside the Eternal City itself.

As we witnessed the moving outpouring of reverence and admiration for this beloved Church leader and humanitarian, it was almost incredible that we could be so singularly honored to number him among us as a philatelist and as an honorary Life Member of COROS.

That so great an ecclesiastical dignitary and so celebrated a world figure should be a fellow stamp collector is indeed a tribute to our avocation; a distinct credit to all of those who share it with His Eminence.

On many occasions His Eminence has frankly stated that his philatelic activities have given him hours of pleasure and contentment; release from the strain and cares of the many ecclesiastical, charitable, educational and humanitarian duties with which he constantly concerns himself. On many occasions, too, His Eminence has stated that stamps have brought him into contact with numerous new friends.

But though Cardinal Spellman's humility thanks philately for what it has done for him, it is much truer that it was he who has done so very much for our avocation.

This writer commenced his stamp collection at a time when relatively few adults would even admit that they had any philatelic interests. They feared that their friends and colleagues might consider them either underdeveloped mentalities or fugitives from an insane asylum.

Those who cannot recall those days never will be able to appreciate that stamp collecting wasn't always a fully recognized and universal avocation for adults as well as children.

Oh, there were men like Alfred Lichtenstein, Theodore Steinway and Charles Lathrop Pack who added public dignity to stamp collecting in their own limited circles. But their public influence just wasn't well known enough to put philately "on the map."

When President Roosevelt entered the White House, and genial Jim Farley became his Postmaster General their interest in stamps began to put philately on the front pages. They began an era of what might be called, "philatelic promotion." When it became known that Mr. Roosevelt found relaxation and pleasure in stamp albums the stigma of the avocation was rapidly dispelled.

But it remained for His Eminence to really do things that not only encouraged "lone wolf collectors" to come out of their shells, but to stimulate countless thousands of other people all over the world to turn to stamp collecting.

Without fear of contradiction, this writer will go on record to

say that there isn't a single individual, living or dead, who did Francis Cardinal Spellman in ever did nearly half so much as making philatelic converts from here to Manila, New Zealand or New Delhi.

Not only did Cardinal Spellman freely and often proclaim his personal interest in stamp collecting; he did much more: he sent his collection to any and every stamp exhibition where it might be welcomed by exhibition committees.

I can recall a dozen shows overseas at which pages from his magnificently annotated albums were displayed and publicized by the show promoters.

You have no idea what effect those pages had.

Persons—hundreds of them—and of all races and creeds literally poured into these shows just to see stamps which were beautiful and interesting enough to hold the attention of such a busy, active personality as a Prince of the Church.

And when they came they saw collections which they could understand. Collections which inspired them to "go and do likewise."

This, I think, is the secret of Cardinal Spellman's great value as a "philatelic propagandist." He might well have concentrated on studies and platings of Sydney Views. Instead of exhibiting flyspeck varieties that could interest only the owner or impress less-specializing philatelists, the Cardinal Spellman pages made sense to even a juvenile's mind; impressed all adults who saw it. To see the Cardinal's pages is to want to go out and start a collection of one's own. This is fact: I've seen it in the Philippines, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Buenos Aires.

His Eminence did much to stimulate stamp collecting in this manner, but there were many other ways in which he promoted the prestige of our avocation. It was His Eminence whose personal influence led to the use of "In God We Trust" on regular United States postage stamps.

It was he who established one of the most important permanent stamp displays which collectors and tourists can visit. To guarantee that his stamps never would or could be sidetracked by executors, Cardinal Spellman long ago donated his philatelic properties to the Library of Regis College, in Weston, Mass. The bequest didn't curtail his interest; it merely put the collection in a place where it would do the most good; where the public of today and tomorrow would always be able to see it on a permanent basis.

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inence no longer could add to it—he arranged for the appointment of a permanent curator. At present this post is held by Sister Mary Fidelma who rapidly is becoming a master philatelist. That it may be attractively mounted, His Eminence's pages are illuminated by Sister Mary Andrew, of Mount St. Vincent College and one of the world's greatest artists in this type of monastic art.

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St. Olaf's Persuasive Axe

Dr. L. E. Nelson

People who buy canned sardines, or get letters from Norway, can often see on the tins and the stamps that country's coat of arms — the golden lion rampant (upright), holding aloft the wide-bladed battleaxe of ancient Olaf, favorite king and patron saint.

In 1900 Norway noted the 900th anniversary of the death of this famous, if slightly unconventional missionary, by three new stamps, one showing Olaf in battle array holding his shield and the cross; one featuring Nidaros cathedral, center of early Christianity; and one showing the lion-hearted warrior falling in battle, pierced to the heart through his cross-blazoned armor.

The ancient Norwegians were a tough and hardy breed, worshipping Woden and Thor and the rest of the northern pagan gods. Warlike were the gods, and

warlike were the people, yielding allegiance only to the strong of arm and the stout of heart.

Olaf might indeed be king, but his following depended on his personal valor. The keenness of his battleaxe was more persuasive than the keenness of his logic when he determined to sway his nation from Warrior Thor to the White Christ. It was not always easy.

Powerful chief Gudbrand was one of those who stoutly resisted. He boldly called his warriors together into council.

"This Olaf," said he, "will force upon us another faith, and will break in pieces all our gods. He says he has a much greater and more powerful god; and it is wonderful that the earth does not burst asunder beneath him, or that our god lets him go about unpunished when he dares talk of such things. I know this for

certain, that if we carry Thor, who has always stood by us, out of our temple that is standing on this farm, Olaf's god will melt away, and he and his men be made nothing so soon as Thor looks upon them."

There was loud agreement; they must stand by Thor. He, not this pale Jesus, was a warrior's god.

But Olaf was adamant: his people must turn to Christianity. Finally a truce was arranged with Olaf to give opportunity for a conference to determine whether his displeased subjects should yield to their king's new-fangled whim, or fight him to the death for their ancient and rival creed.

Two days the argument raged; two nights King Olaf prayed until dawn. On the first day Olaf in person presented his case, told how the neighboring peoples had received the new religion, torn down their heathen temples, and now worshipped the true God, "who made heaven and earth, and knows all things."

Gudbrand sneered. "Where is thy God? Neither thou nor any one else can see him. We have a god who can be seen day by day. His is not here today because the weather is wet, but he will appear and fear will mix with thy very blood when he does."

Next day Bishop Sigurd, richly robed, his mitre on his head, his pastoral staff in his hand, told of the true faith, the wonderful works of God, and evoked reply:

"Many things are we told by this horned man with the staff in his hand crooked at the top like a ram's horn. Tomorrow we shall meet here again, and either agree with you or fight you."

Meanwhile Olaf had diligently inquired about the pagan god and found that it was a statue of Thor with his hammer, a statue large, and covered with gold and silver, but hollow. And that each day it received four cakes of bread, besides offerings of meat. He now concocted a plan.

"Secretly loose all their horses," he told his followers; "bore holes in all their ships." To Kolbein the Strong, who bore a huge club as well as a sword, he said, "Keep near me tomorrow; if they take their eyes from their idol an instant, smite."

In the dim grey dawn they met. A crowd appeared carrying the huge image. The throng rose and did obeisance.

"Where now is thy god?" cried Gudbrand. "I think neither thou nor that horned man yonder will lift your heads so high as in

former days. See how our idol glares upon you."

Olaf replied, "Dale Gudbrand would frighten us with his god that can neither hear nor see nor save himself, nor even move without being lugged around. Ye say our God is invisible; look to the east and see him advancing in great splendor."

They looked into the rising sun. Suddenly a crash, and Thor tumbled at Kolbein's mighty blow. From the shattered trunk scampered the mice and rats that had fattened on the daily offerings.

Horried, the people rushed for their horses. They were gone. To their boats; they were sinking.

"Accept Christianity or fight," said Olaf.

"We accept," said Gudbrand.

Thus Christianity came to Norway.

"Forward, Christ's-men! crossmen! king's-men," was Olaf's last war-cry, as he went into his death-battle, a challenge echoed nine hundred years later upon the seal of St. Olaf's college, in Northfield, Minn., where descendants of Olaf's men, and Gudbrand's men, seek keenness of mind whereby to serve more acceptably Olaf's Christ.

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Interesting Research Proves Religious Significance Many Otherwise Obscure Designs

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"Things are seldom what they seem,
Skim milk masquerades as cream."

So sings Buttercup in "H.M.S. Pinafore". Probably Buttercup wasn't a collector of religious stamps or she might have sung, "cream masquerades as skim milk", for that is often the case with stamps in the album on Religion. Many which would fall most fittingly into the category of religious topicals are passed by because their significance is not readily apparent to the average person.

To keep the members of COROS informed as to the actual scope of the possibilities of Religion on Stamps, COROS publishes a bi-monthly magazine which brings members the combined research of the most advanced students of the hobby. New issues, and members' activities are covered, to be sure, but it is in the field of topical research that the greatest need exists and it is this need which COROS is attempting to fulfill.

In this article we will examine some of the "cream" which often passes as "skimmed milk".



There are several reasons why the topical significance of certain stamps is often overlooked. One of the most frequent is the language barrier. Take for instance, Ireland, Scott type A12, the Allegory of Ireland and the Constitution. Nothing religious about that stamp, seemingly, yet the Gaelic inscription on the open book reads, "In the name of the Most Holy Trinity," which is the opening line of the preamble to Ireland's Constitution. Ireland A15 is a similar example. Nothing could be more remote from the idea of religion than the revolutionist with bayoneted rifle, and the building in the background is the general post office and not a church, so where's the religious connection? Again in the inscription. It reads, "In the name of God and those who have gone before us . . . Proclamation, 1916", the opening line of the Proclamation issued at the time by the Irish nationalists.



Israel A13 is a stamp that has absolutely no apparent religious significance, unless you read Hebrew. The stamp was issued in commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the BILU pioneer movement in Israel. The initials BILU are derived from the Biblical quotation "Bet Yaakov Lekhu Venelkha" (O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk).



Fiji A31 will not be included in the religious collection until it is pointed out that the inscription in the Fijian language under the coat of arms reads: "Fear God, and honor the King" which is taken from I Peter 2:17. The same phrase appears again in Gilbertese and the Ellis dialect on type A15 of Gilbert & Ellis Islands.



What Christ described as the second of the most important commandments is inscribed on a stamp of Paraguay which is seldom seen in religious collections because it is made obscure to us by the fact that it appears in Spanish. Paraguay A56, lower right inscription reads: "Love

thy neighbor as thyself," in Spanish.

Many religious personages are often overlooked because the religious phase of their lives is not emphasized on the stamps. In this category are Israel's commemorating the great twelfth century Jewish theologian, Maimonides, and last year's stamp from West Germany commemorating the first anniversary of the death of Dr. Leo Baeck, chief rabbi of Berlin and professor at the School for the Science of Judaism.

There is nothing on Monaco A80 to identify Dr. Albert Schweitzer as a great missionary and theologian, but he is well enough known to us not to need any further identification. Such is not the case, however, with many ministers of the gospel shown on stamps. Nothing on Switzerland SP57 or SP196 identifies Albert Bitzius as a Protestant minister. He is remembered more as a novelist and as such is commemorated on the stamps under his pen name of Jeremias Gotthelf.

The Danish theologian Soren Kierkegaard on a 1955 stamp of Denmark, and Adolph von Harnack on East Germany 10N67 are not identified as the eminent Protestant theologians that they were.

On our own U. S. stamps, Ralph Waldo Emerson is remembered as a poet and essayist, and as such is depicted on a stamp of the Famous Americans series. The fact that he was also a Unitarian minister is not emphasized. Exhaustive research on the part of one COROS member has brought to light the fact that president James Garfield was a minister of the Disciples of Christ. This fact was played down by the political campaigners of the day and has remained obscure ever since.

Many famous men depicted on stamps as scientists, musicians, politicians, and national heroes have been priests or ministers. Hidalgo and Morelos of Mexico were both priests, yet the first stamps of Mexico, which show Hidalgo, or AP34 and last year's centenary of stamps series, which picture Morelos, do not give the remotest indication that they belong in a collection of religious stamps.

Slovakia A19 is an interdenominational stamp in that it depicts S. M. Daxner, a Lutheran minister, and Stefan Moyses, a Catholic priest, on the same stamp but you can't tell it by looking at the stamp. The designer of Algeria SP25 did a skillful job of concealing the fact that Charles de Foucauld was a Trappist monk and missionary to the Touaregs of the Sahara desert. Tallyrand (France), Copernicus (Russia, and France), Franz Liszt (Hungary) and Gregor Mendel (Danzig) are but a few of the men commemorated for works other than their religious activities. There are many more with less familiar names who often go unnoticed.

A thorough knowledge of religious symbolism is often needed to relate certain stamps to the religious topical. One of the most widely used symbols for Christ is the pelican, especially the pelican feeding her young. This stems from an ancient analogy drawn between the pelican and Christ from the legend that the pelican ruptures her own breast and feeds her young with her blood in times of famine, dying that they may live. Recent pelican stamps from Mozambique and the Netherlands may be added to the several stamps of other countries showing this symbol.



Heraldry is a fascinating branch of philatelic endeavor and adds its share of Christian symbolism to the stamp album. Take

for instance the coat of arms of Portugal found on many of that country's stamps and also those of Angola, Mozambique and other colonies. The central motif of this coat of arms is a shield bearing five smaller shields or sometimes five dots which represent the five wounds of Christ. The emblem dates from 1139 when King Alphonso I was aided in battle by a vision of the crucified Christ. On Portugal AP1 and similar stamps where the emblem is reduced to its simplest form—that of a shield and five dots—all vestiges of religious significance vanish, except for those collectors who know its story.

A similar story surrounds the coat of arms of the city of Lima, Peru (A164). Here the central motif is three crowns, symbols of the Magi. Above the crest is the star of Bethlehem. The Magi, or Three Wise Men, are honored here because the city of Lima was founded on January 6, 1535. In the church calendar January 6 is the feast of Epiphany which commemorates the visit of the Wise Men to the Infant Jesus.

The U. S. stamp which depicts the Korean flag presents an emblem of oriental religion: the Yin Yang. The high value of Germany's Wagner Opera Set shows the Holy Grail, around which the plot of the opera Parsifal revolves. The keys of St. Peter appear in the arms of Nidwalden on Switzerland SP13 and bishops' mitres and rosaries form the background for SP23.

The inadequacy of information about the designs of certain stamps is another factor in so much of the topical significance being missed. Hong Kong A21 shows a view of the harbor. Very (Continued on page 13)

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Recent European Philatelic News

Joachim Dill

LANDESPOSTDIREKTION, Berlin, issued on January 10 the sixth value of the "Celebrated Berlin Men" set. It is an 8-pfennig item to honor popular painter Heinrich Zille (1808-1929) on the 100th anniversary of his birth. Of the same general design as the preceding five values, the work of Prof. Arthur Degner, it was engraved by Egon Falz. It was printed in an edition of two million copies by Bundesdruckerei, Berlin, in gray and dark brown.

Zille was born in Radeburg near Dresden, Saxony, but from the age of nine lived in Berlin. The back courts and by-ways of Berlin were his subjects, and he became one of the city's most popular artists.

AUSTRIA WILL RELEASE January 29 a single to note the International Alpinist Ski Courses of 1958 to be held at Badgastein. The item will be valid from February 1.

It will be blue with a face value of 1.50 schilling, in an edition of three million copies. The design will show a foreground of pine trees on a snow-covered mountain, with the famous Mt. Graukogel in the distance. Robert Fuchs was the designer, Georg Wimmer the engraver.

The legend is: "Alpine Ski-Weltmeisterschaft. / Badgastein 1958 / Republik Oesterreich / 1.50 S." Certainly, this ski stamp should become as popular as were the pre-war FIS issues.

LIECHTENSTEIN is preparing to release during the first half of March two commemorative sets—both on the same day which is not yet specified. The first will be of two values to note the Brussels International Exhibition, with face values of 25 and 40 rappen. The other is the Fifth Liechtenstein Sports Set, in 15, 30, 40, and 90r. denominations.

Collectors will appreciate the fact that the highest unit is still less than one franken. These sports sets have always been popular, and in the past collec-

tors have complained because of the presence of excessively high values in them. The past two sets found the top stamp in each very little used in general correspondence.

The overall popularity of the country's stamps continues apace of that brought on by the Boy Scouts emissions. Within ten days of release on December 16, the 40r. member of the Christmas set was sold out. Its popularity, at least in part, might well be due to the truly Christmas design it carries: the Blessed Virgin and the Christ Child.

AIRMAIL NEWS from all quarters continues in quantity and importance, with intimations of more to come.

WEST GERMAN LUFTHANSA on January 5 made its first landing at Porto Alegre, Southern Brazil, opening the new line to Latin America. The flight had begun at Hamburg the preceding day. It touched at Duesseldorf, Frankfurt, Paris, Dakar, Rio de Janeiro, and Sao Paulo.

Flights will leave Hamburg each Saturday, and Porto Alegre each Friday beginning January 10. The Brazilian city is an important port in the province of Rio Grand do Sol which has a large German population.

It was announced prior to the flight, by both the post office and airline, that no cachet would be used on westward mail.

WEST GERMAN LUFTHANSA recently published in German journals an advertisement showing the firm's network and the date "1958", all of which packed a hidden message to aero-philatelists: the map showed non-existent routes to Brussels and Rome. Are we to expect that perhaps by spring these new services will become realities?

QANTAS AIRLINES got away

on its globe girdling flight, and as far as can be learned carried no mail other than that posted in Australia. All attempts to post mail at various other points for airmail handling to the Antipodes to connect with the flight were unsuccessful.

Aerophilatists in this area are curious to learn whether any covers were serviced on this flight showing stamps and markings of earlier handling prior to the January 14 takeoff. Incidentally, German collectors who did not have contacts in Australia had to order their covers through the British Overseas Airways offices in Germany, at a cost of about 80c each.

AUSTRIAN AIRLINES will begin regular flights in the spring. Recent reports indicate that two Vickers "Viscount" planes will soon be sent to Vienna by the Norwegian companion of the Austrian Airlines owned by shipping magnate Fred Olson. Inaugural flights are expected at any time, possibly the usual special event with important personalities aboard, with regular service to follow. The initial line is expected to be Vienna-Linz-Salzburg-Innsbruck-Bodensee. Thus far these are but rumors and speculations; no positive data have been released.

BELGIAN ANTARCTIC BASE MAIL is expected to be returning to Germany by the end of February. Early in December a special flight carried a huge cargo of mail to this base.

BALLOON FLIGHTS are being set up for 1958. April 17 will see a balloon race to mark the opening of the Brussels International World Exhibition, and later in the same month the 19th Austrian Pro-Juvenile Flight is expected. The proceeds from it are for the benefit of the Aus-

trian welfare organization "Kindergarten-Vereinigung".

TROUBLE WITH POSTMARKINGS on the order of those popular with seekers of "double" or multiple first day or flight cancellations has developed in the German area. West German Bundespost has published in the official journal a notice concerning "covers or cartoons or large papers" bearing mixtures of stamps of various countries for which the cancellations of the different issuing states are sought. Such requests will not be granted, is the verdict. "Too much trouble," is the reason given.

SPECIAL POSTMARKS in West Germany are scheduled as follows: Berlin S W 1, January 10 (first day of use), "100 Jahre Heinrich Zille, Maler des Berliner Millioehs"; Isny (Wuerttemberg), January 29—February 2, "Deutsche Nordische Skimeisterschaft" with design of a ski jump; Nuremberg, February 22-28, "Internationale Spielwarenmesse" with figure of a rocking horse.

Lancaster Club Marks Successful Year

The James Buchanan chapter of the Lancaster, Pa. Stamp Club held its annual banquet recently to mark a very successful year under the leadership of retiring president Robert Sherk. During the year 17 new members were added, and several radio and TV appearances were staged by the club.

Officers elected for 1958 include Gilbert Vatter, president; Ralph Bruce, vice president; Jack Chandler, treasurer, and Chester Paes, 214 Reservoir St., Lancaster, secretary.

Ravenswood Show Is In Mid-February

The 11th annual exhibition and bourse of the Ravenswood Stamp Club will be held at the Finnish Hall, 4219 Lincoln Ave., Chicago, on February 15 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on February 16 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The club is departing from the usual type of display. All members, especially the novices, are being encouraged to mount at least one frame in order to show their philatelic material. In order to give novice collectors an advantage, a separate class will be set up for them. Entries which have received a "Grand Prize" at a previous show will be in the non-competitive class.

There will be 110 frames, including United States, Foreign and Topical issues, with only club members as exhibitors.

There will be 20 tables of bourse dealers where both members and visitors can buy stamps.

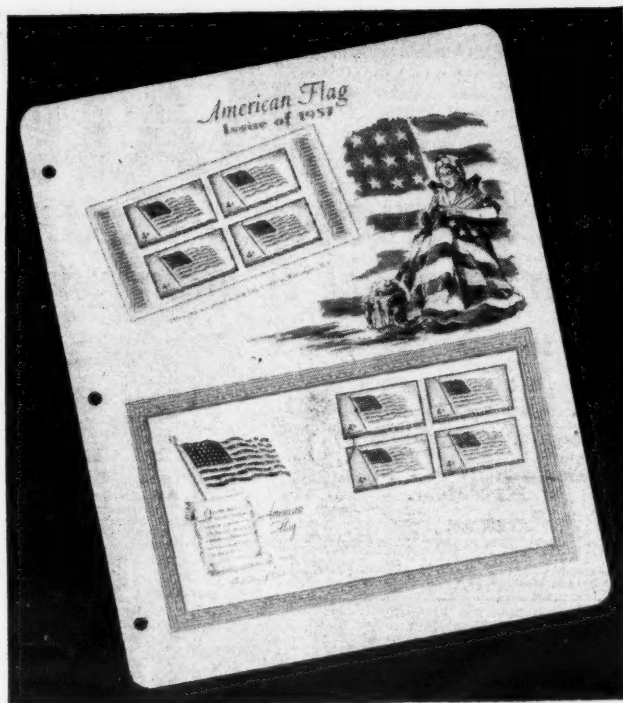
There will be coffee and doughnuts as usual, free of charge.

OPS Elects Officers For 1958 Activities

The Oklahoma Philatelic Society at its recent convention on the campus of Oklahoma State University, Oklahoma City, elected as president for 1958 Hugh A. Randall of that city. Vice presidents are Austin A. Roquemore, Capt. Franz Bernhardt, and Henry Morton of Ponca City, Fort Sill and Stillwater, respectively. Mrs. Ina Lee Staggs of Norman is secretary-treasurer.

Francis O. Becker, 419 N. Indiana Ave., Oklahoma City, will supply club information to interested collectors upon request.

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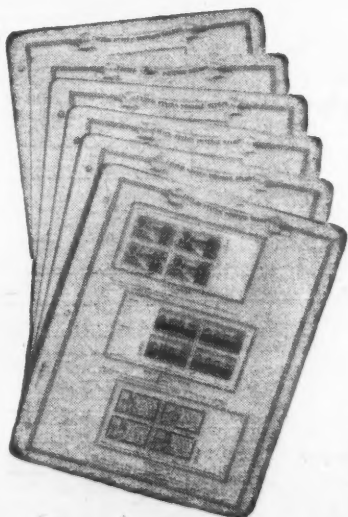
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- Mobile, Ala. and "Way 11" in double circle, blue postmarks. Letter from N. Orleans to Phila. (1845) VF
- N. Orleans and "Steam 10" in double circle, red postmarks (1850) VF
- Snowhill, Md. cancel, to Ky. Blue "Forward" and Ky. cancel, cover, readressed to Tenn. (1843) VF
- Cumberland, Md., red post-mark Letter concerning Chesapeake & Ohio Canal addressed to Phila. One fold (1838) F
- Salem, Mass. envelope, with Eastern Railroad Co. embossed corner card; also embossed locomotive on flap. VF
- Worcester, Mass. (1853) with "Paid" across "2¢" pmk. Folds Fine
- Utica, N.Y., bl. oval, fancy "Paid" and "V" post-markings. (1845) VF
- Very attractive
- New Rochelle, N.Y., green pmk. (1835), One Fold, Scarce
- New York, "Free", red pmk. New York Tribune embossed on flap. VF
- Catskill, N.Y. pmk. (Catskill Mt. House all over corner card) VF
- New York "Clamshell" pmk. "Paid" (1801) Fine
- Xenia, Ohio, oval cancel. (1838) one fold, VF
- Newport, R.I. 53x44 mm. blue pmk. "Free" marking. (1823) Extremely attractive
- Murfreesborough, Te. Bl. cancel. "5" (1853) F
- Baltimore R.R. straight line and "Paid" in red (1846) very fine
- Baltimore R.R. Ohio R. circular, "5" in circle, in blue on embossed envelope Fine
- "Blood's Despatch Paid" in circle. Printed letter inside requests donations for the rebuilding of a portion of the PENNSYLVANIA ACAD. OF FINE ARTS which had been destroyed by fire June 1845; also Blood's Despatch advertising label sealing letter. Superb cover with historical significance
- Hudson River mail, New York and "5" red pmks. on cover front. Fine
- Steamboat in fancy design, blue. Letter dated Toledo 1841, addressed to Buffalo, One fold. VF
- U. S. express mail, New York, Y. in red; also "10" addressed to Wisconsin (1845), two folds. Fine
- Side Wheel Steamer "Argo" London to N.Y. (1856). One of the Gold Rush Steamers
- Free Frank Lucretia R. President Garfield's widow) 1887 back-stamped. VF
- Free Frank, Edith Bolling Wilson (atencils) (President Wilson's widow) pmk. 1935, Washington, D.C. return address on back. VF

Stamped Covers

- 3c. sheet margin at B. VF, tied by N. Orleans cancel. (11)
- 3c. Fine, tied to neat cover by Boston cancel. Very attractive (11)
- 1c type V (3) copies, fine. Light folding creases, tied by blue Petersburg, Va. cancel. (24)
- 1c type V (3) copies (2) VF, (1) defective, tied by San Francisco 1861 pmk. (24) 8.50+
- 1c type V, vertical pair VF, third stamp cut in half with part of cover missing. San Francisco 1860 cancel. (24) 8.50+
- 1c VF, beautifully tied by New York cancel to clean cover (63)
- 3c rose, stamp defective, tied by blue "Banks" Division cancel. Interesting
- 3c rose, tied by blue Norfolk, Va. cancel. to Patriotic cover (bi-colored girl holding American flag). VF (65)
- 10c, tiny text, tied to cover bearing New York 1862 cancel, addressed to N.S., red oval "U.S. 10 cts. Paid"
- Very attractive. (68)
- 2c. Fine on cover bearing "Louisiana State University" corner card. Very attractive (113)
- 2c. light crease, tied to slightly worn cover (113)
- 2c. green, Fine, tied to cover bearing "Knights of Pythias Maverick Lodge" Boston corner card. Cover slightly torn at edge (135)
- 3c. pulled perf., tied by "Wash. & Lynch RPO" cancel. VG (158)
- 1c, VG, tied by man's star in circle and pmk. "J. H. Hagerly, P.M. Ridgeway, Pa. Oct. 14, 1879" Attractive (182) 3.50
- 3c. VF, tied by Star in circle and pmk. "Onawa Iowa 1881", corner card
- 3c. Fine, tied by Star and pmk.
- "Panama, New York 1882" VF (184)
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Spanish American War

- 2c type III, beautifully tied by "Sanitago, Cuba August 4, 1898" cancel. VF (267)
- 2c type III, tied by "Fortress Monroe, Va." cancel, with American flag in color corner card. Fine (267)
- 2c type V, tied to Patriotic cover bearing, "A call for 75,000 more volunteers" with American flag, and the Maine" Cover slightly torn.
- 2c Due cover from military station Cuba, bearing 2c postage due stamp and American flag in color. Slightly worn
- 2c entire, pmk. "Sanitago, Cuba" F (U311)

- 2c entire, pmk. "Military Station No. 1 Cuba" F (U311)
- 1c Postal Card "Military Sta. No. 1 Cuba" cancel. VF (UX14)
- 1c postal card cancel. Montauk N.Y. Message on back pertaining to landing from Cuba and typhoid fever of some of the men. VF (UX14)
- 5c Jamestown, tied. Fine (330)
- 1c single and bi-sect, tied, dated April 18, 1924 (15c rate) VF (552)
- 5c Huguenot-Walloon block with plate number F-VF (616)
- 5c, 10c on 2c entire, tied by "Derby Hat", Prescott, Arizona registration mark. (637, 642)
- 5c Special Handling 10c, 15c, 20c, tied to three First Day Covers June 25, 1928; also franked with #618 or #645.
- VF (Q61, 2, 3)
- Entire, 2c white "Banks Division" cancel. F (U34)
- 10c green on white, "Wells Fargo Calif. & Atlantic Express" printed endorsement. Wells Fargo & Co. express cancel on unaddressed package front. Fine (U40)
- 2c green on white cancel. "Deming, New Mexico 1891" (Territorial) 1st National Bank corner card, VF (U311)
- 2c green on amber cancel. Eddy, New Mexico (Territorial) Advertising corner card, VF (U312)
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- 60 ★ Postal card 1c cut water mark, unaddressed, VF (UX1)

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- 5c, 3/4 margins, faulty, tied by beautiful grid to small piece. Very attractive (1)
- 10c, defective, attractive space filler (2) 100.00
- 1c type II, pen cancel, large margins 3 sides, touch at B. Fine (7)
- 3c blue grid cancel. Margins, large sheet margin at L. Very fine but for corner crease (11)
- 3c horiz. pr. Light crease, otherwise Fine (11)
- 3c horiz. pr. Light crease, otherwise Fine (11)
- 3c sgl and vert. pr. tied to small piece, small faults. Attractive (11)
- 10c type III, red cancel, light creases, slightly toned. Attractive with 3/4 margins (15)
- 10c type V, lightly cancel. VF (35)
- 10c, August issue. Perf. faults at T. Very attractive (58)
- 1c, unused. Faulty, attractive and well-centered (63)
- 1c SE at L. cutting design. Beautiful red floral design cancel. (63)
- 3c pen, pink cancel. Perfs. just cut at T. Fresh and Fine (64)
- 10c, unused. Fresh and Fine (68)
- 10c, well centered, beautiful red town cancel. VF (68)
- 2c OG, perfs. cut R, tiny tear. Fresh (73)
- 3c red horizontal, unused. Light red cancel. A fine and very attractive copy. (75)
- 5c red brown, blue target cancel. Almost fresh. Fine (75)
- 2c Trans-Miss., toned, perfs cut. Strong grill. Light red cancel. 2 short perfs. VG (85B)
- 2c, "Z" grill. Perfs just cut at L. Attractive, with light red cancel. (85B)
- 1c "E" grill. Unused. Small faults. Very good-looking (86)
- 12c, "E" grill. SE at R. Well centered and Fine (90)
- 2c, "F" grill. Horiz. pr. Perfs just cut at L. Fine (93)
- 5c, "F" grill. Faulty. Very good appearance (95)
- 3c, part OG. Perfs cut T and L. Fresh VG (114)
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- 15c type I, pen cancel. Almost centered. Fresh and fine (118)
- 30c, well centered, small thins, otherwise Fine (121)
- 1c re-lined, centered. Fine (121)
- 10c, grided, part OG, perfs just cut at T. SE at R. Fresh, very good (139)
- 90c, grided, small surface cut. Well centered and fine looking (144)
- 10c, unused, centered to L. B. 17.50
- 10c, full blue "Steamship" cancel, fine strike on very good copy (150)
- 2c, N.H., perfs. just cut at B.
- 10c, part OG, perfs. just cut R. F (161) 12.50
- 90c, centered slightly to L and B. F (166) 17.50
- 5c, part OG, perfs cut R. Fresh and Fine (179)
- 3c blue, unused. Fresh and Fine (205) 6.00
- 2c, block of four, NH. Top pair faint bend. Perf. faults. Fresh (183)
- 2c, block of four, faded pen cancel. perfs just cut. T. Fine (183)
- 10c, small thins. Fresh and Fine (205) 7.00
- 1c, block of four, OG, perfs just touch B. Fresh and fine (206)
- 3c, block of four, OG, reinforced separations. Well centered and fine (207) 12.50
- 1c, horiz. block of ten, SE at R. Neat target cancel. F (212)
- 2c, BL corner block of four, NH, off center. Fresh (213)
- 10c, OG, heavily hinged, faults at L. centered. Fresh and Fine looking (214) 20.00
- 3c, block of four, Trifle heavily canceled. Fine (221)
- 6c, block of four, Reg. cancel. Centered and Fine (224)
- 1c Columbian, blk of 4, OG, heavily hinged. F-VF (230)
- 6c Columbian, Plate proof on India, Vert. pr. VF (235P3)
- 15c Columbian, unused. Fine (236)
- 1c Columbian, OG, thinning under hinge, fresh and fine looking (241)
- 1c Columbian, regummed, perfs cut T & R. VG (241)
- 3c Columbian, part OG, perfs cut B. small thins. Fresh. Fine looking (242) 60.00
- 5c Columbian, BR corner defect, fine appearance (244)
- 3c type I, lightly cancel. Fine (276)
- 3c, center, b. thinnings, there. (277) 40.00
- 85c, fine but for thin spots (278)
- 2c Trans-Miss., blk of 4, SE, F-VF (286) 6.50
- 10c Trans-Miss., blk of 4, NE at R. perfs just cut B. separations. Fine (290)
- 50c Trans-Miss., perfs touch R. F (291) 12.50
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- 1c Trans-Miss., lightly cancel. Fine (292) 70.00
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- 3c, perfs touch B. Fine (312)
- 2c Scherck type III, horiz. pair OG. Fine (320a)
- 2c Louis-Purchase, L arrow blk of 4, NH F-VF (324)
- 5c Jamestown, NH, tiny corner thin, light crease, well centered. Very Fine appearance (330)
- 8c, blk of 4, unused, fresh and F (337) 10.00
- 3c Imperf, blk of 4, natural paper crease. Fine (345)
- 3c Imperf, blk of 4, precanc. St. Louis, Mo., sheet margin at T. VF (345)
- 4c Imperf, center line blk of 4, precanc. St. Louis, Mo. VF (346)
- 5c Imperf, blk of 4, St. Louis, Mo. precanc. VF (347)
- 5c, horiz. coll line pair, OG, off center VG (355)
- 3c Lincoln, U.S. Vending type I, line pair. NH VF (368)
- 2c Lincoln, bluish paper, almost centered. Fine (369)
- 2c Alaska-Yukon, imperf. corner blk of 4. Fine (371)

- 2c Hudson-Fulton, imperf. blk of 4. F-VF (373)
- 15c blk of 4, center line fault, well centered and fine (382)
- 1c, imperf, center line blk of 4. NH VF (383)
- 2c imperf, horiz. pair, NH VF (384) Est. 4.50
- 3c horiz. coll pair, guide line OG, one stamp small thin. Fine (394)
- 3c horiz. coll strip of 3. F-VF (394)
- 10c orange yellow Panama-Pacific, OG, fresh and fine (400)
- 10c orange Panama-Pacific, part OG. Fine (400A)
- 10c orange, Panama-Pacific, blk of 4. VG-F (400A)
- 2c pair, perf 10 vert., guide line. VF VF (413)
- 50c, three diff. F-VF (421, 422, 440) 6.60
- 3c violet black, NH Fine (460)
- 2c perf, 11, plate #, NH, perfs touch. Fine (461)
- 50c, 81, 82, F-VF (479)
- 2c, unused, thinned, fresh. Fine appearance (479)
- 2c type 1a, blk of 4, NH VF (500)
- 50c Vert. pair, both with double transfer. OG F (525)
- 1c offset, double print, blk of 4 OG SE at L VG (525d)
- 1c offset, emerald, double print, blk of 4. SE, SE, Double (525d var)
- 3c offset, double print, blk of 4, heavy hinge. F (529a)
- 2c type V, Scherck type III VG (533) 14.00+
- 2c type Va, Scherck, Type III, horiz. pair. OG VG (534)
- 10c blk of 4, center stamp comp. transfer. OG, SE at L as always. Fine (569 & var)
- 3c arrow blk of 4, NH, gum skip. VF (571)
- 1c Scherck type III, horiz. strip of 4, precanc. Chicago, Ill. (575)
- 1c Imperf, 4 matching arrow blks of 4. OG VF (576)
- 1c perf 11x10 OG Very fine (578)
- 5c Hug-Walloon, VF of 4 with Pl. No. NH F-VF (616)
- 5c Hug-Walloon, blk of 4. F-VF (616) 18.50
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- 5c Lexington, blk of 4 with Pl. No., beautiful red precanc. Fairfield, Iowa VF (619)
- 2c Norse, T arrow blk of 4, NH VF (620) 5.50
- 5c Ericsson, blk of 4 with Pl. No. NH VF (628)
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- 5c Hawaii, block of 4. OG VF (648)
- 5c Aeronauts, Pl. No. blk of 6, OG F-VF (650)
- 5c Havana, blk of 4, NH, perfs just cut. Fine (675)
- 12c, 13c, 14c, 17c Pl. No. blk of 4, NH VG (693-95, 697)
- 15c Pl. No. blk of 4, NH, perfs cut, VG (699)
- 30c Pl. No. blk of 4, NH, perfs cut. VG (700)
- 50c Pl. No. blk of 4, NH Fine (701)
- 3c Byrd T and B matching Pl. No. blks #21537-40, OG or NH F-VF (732)
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- 10c Addams Pl. No. blk of 4, NH, slight separation, faint stain. Cent. (878) 6.50
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- 3c Vermont (50) NH VF (903)
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- 3c Corregidor (50) NH F-VF (925)
- 3c Palomar (70) #23888R NH F-VF (968)
- 3c Palomar (70) #23889R NH F-VF (968)
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- 20c Map (50) NH F-VF (C9)
- 5c Beacon (50) NH F-VF (C11)
- 8c Map (50) NH F-VF (C17)
- 8c Map (50) NH VF (C18)
- 25c Trans-Pac. (50) NH F-VF (C20)
- 5c New York (100) NE F-VF (C38)
- 1c Parcel Post (45) NH Slight Separation, mostly F-VF (Q1)
- SPECIAL DELIVERY, 10c, NH, tiny thin, F (E2)

- 10c. Impt. & P#77, margin strip of 3, OG, one stamp and margin small thins, well-centered and very fine looking, scarce. (E4)
- 10c green, block of four, mint F-VF (E7)
- 10c, 15c, 20c, rotary, pl. blks of 4, NH VF (E15, 16, 19)
- POSTAGE DUE, 1c-30c, 3c small tear, VG-VF (J15-20)
- WINE, \$1.60 4/5, "Dollar" variety, perf. initial. Fine (RE196a)
- LOCALS, Boyd's Express, 2c type 7, black "JTB" cancel. VF (20L10)
- Hussey's 20c special delivery, VF (87E4)
- CONFEDERATE STATES, Memphis, Tenn, 5c red, tied to envelope, from which one stamp has been removed. Fine (56X2)
- 5c, four margins, faults, fine appearance (1)
- 10c, tied to small piece, faulty, fine looking (2)
- 5c, cut in at L. VG (4)
- 2c, sheet margin at R, toned, F (8)
- 2c, large margins, sheet margin at L, toned, Fine (13)
- PHILIPPINES, 1p imperf, OG VF (350)
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Great Britain and Colonies

- 1p black VF (1)
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- 1p full "Army Post Office, Standerton" (South Africa) "MR15, 62" cancel. Boer War, unlisted, VF (88)
- Revenue, 1sh foreign bill stamp, tied to cover by London cancel and backstamped "Hackney" 1893, VF and scarce
- Jersey Airways Ltd., 1st Flight Cover, June, 1937, Jersey to London VF (212)
- OFFICIAL, Admiralty, 3p, unused, F (O83)

Used Abroad

- 6p, "B32" (Buenos Aires, Argentina) Cane. Fine (59)
- 1p "ACG" (British Honduras), small fault, Fine strike (26)
- 4p "E88" (Aspinwale, Colombia) F (70)
- 4p "C65" (Cartagena, Colombia) F (70) 50sh
- 4p "C58" (Cartagena, Colombia) Lt. crease, F (70)
- 4p "C58" (Havana, Cuba) Fine (54) 55sh
- 1sh "C58" (Havana, Cuba) Fine (54) 55sh
- 1p (3) plates 120, 136, 140 "C51" (St. Thomas DWI) Fine (33)
- 4p "C51" (St. Thomas DWI) SE at L, Fine (70)
- 10p "A26" (Gibraltar) Fine (53)
- 4p "E53" (Port-au-Prince, Haiti) SE at R VG (70)
- 4p "A58" (Moran, F.V. (Falcia) F (26)
- 4p "C35" (Panama) Fine (70)
- 1sh, Panama cane. Fine (64)
- 1p "C60" (La Guayra, Venezuela) SE, VG (69)
- 4p "La Guayra" can. Pl. blk (69)
- Lot of 20 stamps, various "Used Abroad" canc., some duplication, few faults. Fine lot
- OFFICES IN MOROCCO, 3p on 2shp, tied to small piece. OG (43)
- 10p, margins all around, large 3 sides, slightly cut and fine (7)
- Silver Wedding, NH VF (83, 94)
- 1sh, blk of 4, VF (207)
- 2-shp, VF (231)
- Antigua, 1sh Silver Wedding, blk of 4, with imprint NH VF (99)
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- BARRADOS, 1p on blue paper, VF (82a) 4.00
- 1p on blue paper, VF (83a)
- BASUTOLAND, Geo. VI, compl. 6.68
- BECHUANALAND PROT., Geo. VI, compl. OG, F-VF (124-36)
- BERMUDA, 2p, brown black and turquoise blue, VF (109)
- BR. COLUMBIA, 2-shp, faults, VG appearance (18)
- BR. CENT. AFRICA, 2shp, 1sh former corner crease, VG-F (26, 27)
- BR. EAST AFRICA, 4a on 5p, Fine (3)
- BURMA, 9p OG VF (1N9)
- 1a OG VF (1N10)

CANADA

- 6p, laid paper, large margins, 3 sides, close at L. Fine (2)
- 3p, wave paper, margins 1/2 sides, slightly cut in, light crease, VG (4)
- 10p, margins all around, large 3 sides, lightly cancel and fine (7)
- 10c brown, small thin, F looking (17b)
- 12/2c, 17c, defective, but very good-looking. (18, 19)
- 2c, unused, small tear. (24)
- 3c, laid paper, tiny paper breaks from cane. Fine (33)
- 1/2c to 50c Jubilee, OG, some heavily hinged, few thins or age stains. VG-F (50-60)
- 1c Jubilee, OG, fresh and Fine (1) 27.50
- 2c Jubilee, OG, heavily hinged, slight age stain. Fine (62)
- 3c Jubilee, OG, minute thin spot in perf. Fine (63)
- 4c Jubilee, OG, Fine (64)
- 5c Jubilee, OG, slight corner crease. Fine (65)
- 1/2c blk of 21 (3x7) plate #1 at T. Fresh. F-VF (66)
- 2c, commentaries, copies tied by cnc. 31, 1898 cane, to registered cover. Fine (86)
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A popular German writer and artist of the turn of the century was honored on the 50th anniversary of his death, January 9, by the issuance of a set of two stamps.

Wilhelm Busch, born April 15, 1832 at Wiedensahl near Stadt-hagen, died January 9, 1908, at Mechtshausen near Seesen, was a poet and an artist. He furnished contributions to the magazines "Fliegende Blätter" and "Munchener Bilderbogen". "Max und Moritz", the first in the series of illustrated stories, imbued with a serene worldly wisdom

made him famous.

Since their publication, these stories have lost nothing of their popularity. "Hans Hucklebein der Unglucksrabe", "Fipps der Affe", the "Knopp"—Trilogy consisting of "Abenteuer eines Junggesellen", "Herr und Frau Knopp", and "Julchen", as well as "Balduin Bahlamm" and "Maler Klecksel" are his best-known works.

As a poet, Busch won a high reputation through his poetical cycles as "Kritik des Herzens", "Zu guter Letzt", "Schein und Sein" and through his two symbolic tales "Eduards Traum" and "Der Schmetterling".

Busch, the artist, handed on to posterity many oil paintings done in impressionistic style, which did not become known until aft-

EDITORIAL

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ernment then requested that designs also be submitted from America. The American designs were approved by Cabinet in preference to the Israeli designs. As Philatelic Agents, it would obviously not have mattered to us if other designs had been chosen.

The quantity of Black Star Line Stamps printed has been made public through a press release issued by the Ministry of Communications. Considering Ghana's own postal consumption these figures are certainly on the low side, and through the destruction of the plates, no re-prints are possible. Official withdrawal of this issue is likely within 60 days of issue, unless sold out beforehand.

On the matter of destruction of plates, you also express much concern. Actually, we can assure you that the most rigid discipline and scrutiny will govern such matters, and consequently the number of stamps printed which are announced will not be exceeded, stamps will not be demonetized, withdrawal dates will be kept, plates will be destroyed. We can solemnly declare that the day a breach on any of these scores will be committed, we will promptly hand in our resignation as Philatelic Agents. Actually, such a breach is inconceivable. We can report that we have in our files a copy of an official letter of the Ministry of Communications directing the E. A. Wright Bank Note Co. of Philadelphia to destroy the plates of the Black Star Line Issue. An official destruction certificate will be made public. If the public considers it necessary to have a committee supervise the destruction, we may make this suggestion to the Government of Ghana, although in our opinion the official destruction certificate of an accredited American security printer should satisfy all. The E. A. Wright Bank Note Co. are security printers for General Motors, several banks and foreign governments.

You question whether the number of commemorative issues will be limited to two per year. We have already several weeks ago released an announcement to the Press that the program for 1958 calls for 1) a commemorative issue honoring Independence Day on March 6; 2) a definitive series to take the place of the Overprints and Nkrumah stamps, and possibly, but not definitely; 3) a United Nations Day issue on October 24. To our knowledge no other issues are under consideration.

We were not surprised when some British stamp journals voiced objections to our appointment. They began to print a different erroneous report about our activities. Some of the stories broadcast were to the effect that Ghana planned 12 yearly issues, all in the denominations 2½d, 1/3 and 5/-; that these were being printed for the account of the Ghana Philatelic Agency and not to the order of the Government; that hardly any of them would ever see Ghana, perhaps in line with the stamps of the Falkland Islands! (Actually, about half of the Black Star Line Stamps were used up within Ghana.) Many more fanciful stories were actually printed in Great Britain. Although we knew that but a few months would show the utter baselessness of these fabrications, we sent formal rebuttals to the British editors. These were, however, largely ignored by the British press. Lately, however, retractions have started to appear in the more responsible quarters. We had not expected, that any part of the American press would follow the British line of attack.

We resent the association of the word "racket" with our fully ethical, honest and reliable operation which precludes any speculation, production of "errors" irregular stamp material, re-production of withdrawn stamp issues and other practices which some stamp concerns overseas are known for. Such insinuations do not only hurt and insult us, but also the countless dealers and collectors of Ghanaian stamps who have demonstrated their certainly justified faith in the philatelic future of Ghana.

It also goes without saying that Stanley Gibbons Ltd. of England, who are merely sub-agents in charge of distribution in Great Britain and British Commonwealth countries, will maintain the highest philatelic standards.

We could go on enumerating several more pertinent instances which will demonstrate the integrity of this Agency, but don't wish to take up more of your space which you have so graciously put at our disposal. We do appreciate this demonstration of typical American fairness, but merely wish that we had been given this opportunity before your Editorial was printed.

As a final personal note, some biographical notes on the writer. I was born in Sweden, am 35 years of age, have three children, and reside in Lawrence, L. I. and Miami Beach. I attended Harvard, Columbia University, University of Chicago and Johns Hopkins University. I hold an M. A. degree from the latter institution (in Biblical Archaeology), and have done work towards my Ph. D. degree.

With my best wishes for a Happy 1958, I remain,

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er his death.

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The inscription in Roman capital letters on the 10pf. and 12 Fr. values reads: "Wilhelm Busch/Deutsche Bundespost 1832+1908" and the value "10" (or "12 F Saarland").

The 20pf. and 15fr. values show "Wilhelm Busch/Deutsche Bundespost" and the dates of the year and the indication of value.

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Great Britain is about to have the second 4½d stamp in her philatelic history. It will prepay the fee for a 2 oz. letter. The first 4½d came out back in 1892 and was withdrawn in 1900. It was then used for inland parcels from one to three pounds which goes to show that the value of the British Pound has shrunk every bit as much since the turn of the century as has that of our American dollar. At that time, a full Pound Sterling was considered a princely weekly wage. The Scott number of the original 4½d is 117.

Collectors were generally disappointed with the poor design of Great Britain's recent 4d "Parliamentary Conference" commemorative and comparatively small numbers were used on mail. Market observers predict that this will be one of the few GB items which will turn out to be more valuable canceled than unused.

There are indeed very few used copies around, and while this stamp will surely never be rare, it certainly won't do any harm to put aside any used copies that come your way. This is also true of the 1/3 top value of the Boy Scout Jubilee issue.

Although this stamp hasn't been off sale for very long, London retailers are asking and getting full face value for fine specimens with light, clear postmarks. This proves once again that stamps which temporarily seem to be plentiful on the ordinary run of commercial foreign mail need not necessarily end up in your wastepaper basket.

The latest word on the Great Britain "Regionals" is that each set is to have a distinct watermark of its own! For example, the Scottish set might feature a thistle watermark, and so forth. Considering that British leaders have for centuries fought an uphill struggle to forge the diverse nationality groups into one unified people and to instill in them the idea that they are United Kingdom citizens first and Scots or Welshmen second, this is surely the most scatterbrained idea ever conceived by the otherwise ultra-conservative British postal authorities.

The proposal for special issues for such tiny units as the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man sounded like some sort of hoax at first, but postal officials are deadly serious and sometime during 1958 we will undoubtedly be blessed with them. There is now talk of "regional" commemoratives as well which would carry through the theme to its ultimate absurdity.

Of course, all these "provincial" stamps will be valid interchangeably and collectors will have a merry old time creating ingenious "mixed frankings", such as combining Welsh and Scottish stamps on letters posted in Northern Ireland and vice versa.

There are some legendary villages in border regions where one family has been violently pro-English and the next just as firmly pro-Scottish for untold generations, none ever talking to a partisan of the other side. The only useful feature of the "regionals" that we can see will be that such died-in-the-wool fanatics will now have the opportunity to publicly and proudly vent their feelings by using only stamps in honor of their own nationality group.

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Colony", on the other two to "Badge of the Colony". Montserrat hertofore had been considered a "Presidency". Our sure-fire tip: the \$4.80, fine used.

Speaking of the West Indies, the world's newest nation which came into being at the beginning of this year, E. F. Aguilar provides some interesting news in the London journal "Stamp Collecting": In about five years, the issues of the individual islands will be discontinued in favor of one set common to all.

The first issue of the new Federation, previously described here, will consist of three values for each island, except for Cayman and Turks Islands which will sit this one out, and will release their trio April 23. These will be map stamps of great topical appeal. A set of first day covers from each of the islands looks to us to be a modest and very promising investment.

"Stamp Centenary" commemoratives have caught on with collectors everywhere and a number of issues pertaining to this field have become exceedingly scarce due to the strong demand from Europe. Within the next few years, several West Indian islands, such as the Bahamas, Jamaica and St. Lucia, as well as the mainland colony of British Guiana will celebrate their own "stamp centenaries" and it is more than likely that "appropriate" commemoratives reproducing the original emissions will be forthcoming.

That's the only way the average collector will ever own these century-old rarities which are selling at fabulous figures today. Keep your eyes open for these special issues and an extra set of blocks will certainly pay its way in time.

"W. E. Fyndem", also a contributor to the above magazine, believes these Commonwealth issues to be sound buys at current prices (all numbers are Scotts): Bahrain No. 100; Great Britain-Morocco No. 110; Kenya Nos. 31, 33, 35 and 108; Zanzibar Nos. 244-248; Straits Settlements No. 270; Newfoundland No. 266; India Nos. 110, 117 and 127; British Honduras Nos. B1-5 and Tonga Nos. 94-99.

As we predicted, the decision of the Ghana government to discontinue distribution of Ghanaian stamps through the London Crown Agents created a furore in England. Stanley Gibbons Ltd., who took over as sub-agents, were prompted to publish the following statement in their monthly journal: "On December 1st the Ghana Philatelic Agency Ltd. of New York became official agents of the Ghana Government for the sale of all new and current stamps of Ghana throughout the world, outside of Ghana itself. The Crown Agents no longer handle Ghana stamps and the Ghana Post Office will not supply dealers or collectors ordering from overseas.

"This decision of the Ghana Government, however revolutionary it may be considered, was a fait accompli when we heard of it last month, and it did on the face of it mean that, because of where the Agency had been placed, Ghana stamps would no longer be freely available to collectors in Great Britain or throughout the British Commonwealth (except for Canada).

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"It should be emphasized that in making this decision to act as sub-agents we have felt throughout that we are, because of our position, best placed to ensure that philatelists can continue to collect and to have faith in Ghana stamps. Immediately to be contradicted are the quite erroneous statements, published from unofficial sources, that a large number of special issues were in preparation and that there would be any manipulation of supplies whatsoever.

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According to J. Hannanay, P. O. Box 148, Baghdad, Iraq who sent news of the new issue three commemorative stamps will be printed for the third Development Week during April.

In all 1,500,000 stamps will be printed. There will be 1,000,000 of one-fils denomination, 250,000 of 3f. and 250,000 of 5f.

Each will carry H. M. the King's photo and a view of the Dervendi Kahn Dam, whose foundation stone will be laid during the third Development Week or the Mosul Sugar Factory, or a project under the rural development program.

The Mosul sugar factory is expected to start production of 350 tons of sugar a month during February. It will be officially opened during the "Week".

There will also be 50,000 commemorative post-cards, each carrying photos of the three commemorative stamps.

A 3 fils stamp in an entirely new design was put on sale at all post offices on December 18 last.

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This year, the Exhibition will emphasize the friendship between the Republics of Ireland and the United States. The Consul of the Irish Free State has made available a collection of Irish stamps for a special display, and he will participate in this event. The coincidence of St. Patrick's Day and the dates of the show make this feature particularly fitting.

As an added attraction, a copy of the famous U. S. C-3a 24c air-mail stamp with inverted center will be on display, courtesy of Lou Castelli of the Ace Stamp & Coin Shop, Chicago.

The affair promises to be an even greater success than ever before. All the booths are taken, with the dealers coming from many states. They will have material never before shown in this area. The U. S. Post Office Department is cooperating in its usual manner, and there will be a display of rare proofs and essays, some of which have never before been shown in Chicago.

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On September 15, 1925 Iceland issued a series of definitives. The 10 and 35 aurar (Scott Nos. 145, 147) picture the City Hall of Reykjavik with the Lutheran Cathedral in the background. According to the Director General of Posts, the buildings shown on the stamp from left to right are as follows: A part of the Parliament Building, then a private one; behind, a building with a steeple in which are at present a chemist shop and some medical offices, besides a meeting place of Free Masonry; then a low building, one of the meeting places of the I. O. G. T. Lodge, and behind it the Cathedral.



On the right are two private buildings. Approximately the same view will be found on the 1949 35a stamp, No. 254.

Although the Cathedral was originally built in 1796, it was completely altered when reconstructed during the years 1848 to 1879 by the Danish architect Windstrup, so that it must be considered as existing from 1848.

The clergyman and poet, Mathias Jochumsson, 1835-1920, was honored by a series of commemorative stamps issued November 11, 1935. Jochumsson wrote the words for the national hymn of Iceland, "O God of our Land", as well as a number of religious hymns.

Jon Arason, 1484-1550, was the last Roman Catholic Bishop in Iceland. According to Gunnar Norberg's article in the COROS "Chronicle" for May 1951, Bishop Arason fought the new teachings of Luther and died a martyr. The Reformation reached Iceland in 1541. Arason and his two sons were jailed in 1550 and on November 7 of that year were beheaded.

As there is no portrait in existence of Arason, the design is an imaginary one by Stefan Jonsson. These stamps were issued on November 7, 1950, to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the death of Bishop Arason. (Nos. 265-6).



Old Manuscripts are pictured on a series of stamps issued October 1, 1953. The 1kr (No. 278) pictures "Stjorn", a 15th century manuscript, the text of which is from the Bible and relates to Noah and the Ark.



The 900th anniversary of the Bishopric of Skalholt was commemorated by a series of three semipostal stamps issued January 23, 1956. No. B14 pictures St. Thorlacus, the sixth bishop of Skalholt. He was canonized by the people and the Althing legalized his veneration in 1198. He was bishop from 1178 to 1193. The stamp was designed by Stefan Jonsson after a 15th century

Iceland Announces
Summer Stamp Show

Interested collectors in Iceland are planning a philatelic exhibition in the summer of 1958 at Reykjavik, the capital city. Jonas Hallgrimsson, committee member, advises that the Reykjavik Philatelic Society under the guidance of president Guido Bernhoff is well along with plans for the event.

Mr. Hallgrimsson has approached PMG G. Briem with a suggestion that the Iceland Postal Administration issue a souvenir sheet for the show. Mr. Briem was reported as favorably disposed which seems to assure the appearance of such a philatelic item.

Soon to come under the auspices of the stamp club is a handbook for the Stamps of Iceland. A research and study committee of six members has been established which will gather and compile all available information. There will be two editions, one in Icelandic, the other in English.

The country now has its own philatelic publication, in the native language, with the appearance of the first edition of "Frimerkir". This is a magazine type production with illustrations and informative articles.

Editors are Finnur Kolbeinsson, Magni R. Magnussen and Pordur Gudjohnsen. The editorial

antependium in the Cathedral, Holar.

The Cathedral, Skalholt, is shown on B15. The stamp was designed after a drawing made in 1772 by J. Cleveley. The cathedral was built by Brynjolfur Sveinsson, bishop of Skalholt, and was consecrated in 1654. The original wooden edifice, which stood until 1803, was pulled down and a small church erected in its place.

The portrait of Jon Porkelsson Vidalin (B16), bishop of Skalholt from 1698 to 1720, was copied from an unauthenticated engraving autographed by the bishop. His scriptural comments are said to be still read in Icelandic homes.

It is possible that the Reykjavik Cathedral may also be shown on the 3kr. air-mail stamp issued on August 18, 1947. I don't have it so cannot be sure how this view compares with the 1925 issue.

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Discussion Of Art On Japanese Stamps

A far-ranging discussion of art motives on Japanese stamps appears in the December issue of Japanese Philately, published by the International Society for Japanese Philately (ISJP). This is the concluding installment in a long series of articles on Japanese stamps showing fine-arts designs, by Margaret F. Marcus (Mrs. William F. Marcus), who is Supervisor of Research at the Cleveland Museum of Art.

As a specialist in the complex field of Oriental art, Mrs. Marcus has done an outstanding job in searching out the sources of the numerous Japanese stamp designs which come in whole or part from fine arts of one type or another. This popular serial has been running in the group's publication for the past two years.

The magazine also contains other articles on a wide variety of subjects pertaining to Japan, Japanese territories, occupied areas, and the Ryukyu Islands. Copies are available only to members of the ISJP, but membership is always open to any interested philatelist.

Full information can be obtained from the society's secretary, Miss Edith Rolfe, 100 W. Montgomery Ave., Ardmore, Pa.

MISSIONARIES (Continued from page 1)

their life of ease at the court and become missionaries.

The next time they went out among these pagan peoples in what then was the wild fringe of civilization, they were armed with the Bible rather than the royal symbol of the Byzantine emperor. They soon made many converts for the people were thirsting for a faith better than paganism. However, the brothers realized that they had a vast territory to win for the Lord and that their word would endure only if they could train native leaders among the Slavs.

A big handicap was posed by the fact that the Slavic language had never been reduced to writing. Cyril thought it was essential that these people have the Bible and the rituals of the church in a language they could understand. But when he sat down to translate the Gospel for them, he found that the Greek alphabet was inadequate to express the unique sounds of the more guttural Slavic tongue. So he proceeded to devise a new alphabet, based on adaptations of Greek letters. This alphabet is today known as Cyrillic in honor of its inventor.

The work of the two brothers was so successful that it soon excited envy among certain German missionaries who were coming into the Balkans from the opposite direction, the West. Their opposition was partly political. The German princes of Bohemia and Moravia did not want Greek influence to become strong in the Balkans. So they lodged charges against the brothers at Rome and Cyril and Methodius were summoned by Pope Nicholas I.

They might well have been tried for heresy and executed in Rome but for the fact that the old Pope died before they reached there and a new bishop, Adrian III succeeded to the throne. Adrian was inclined to give them a hearing.

The principal charge against them was that they were administering the sacraments in a corrupt tongue, Slavic, and had thereby defiled the sacred rites of the church! The Pope, however, impressed with the argument that the people should have the Scriptures and ritual in a language they could understand, and pleased with the number of converts the brothers had won, declared that "God, who made the three principal languages, Hebrew, Greek, and Latin, made others also for men to give Him honor and glory."

The brothers, vindicated, prepared to return to their mission, but tragedy struck. Cyril took ill and died in Rome on February 14, 869. Methodius had to go back alone. Bravely he carried on with

the alphabet Cyril had invented and taught the Slavs to read and write their language. He was often persecuted, as much by the rival German missionaries as by the defenders of paganism.

The final years of his life he spent translating the Bible into Slavonic. He had become a hero and champion to the grateful Slavic people and when he died on April 6, 884, they gave him a great funeral.

The work that Cyril and Methodius had done lived on afterwards. Then Christian missions they planted blossomed into strong churches, most of which joined the Eastern Orthodox movement when the final split with Rome came in the next century.

The Christian faith of the people endured through all the terrible wars that followed, the invasion of Attila the Hun, the depredations of Genghis Khan and his Mongol warriors. Finally, came conquest by the Turks after Constantinople fell in 1453 and centuries of attempts to crush out Christianity.

The people of Bulgaria and surrounding lands, however, clung to the Bible and their village churches. By 1847 they finally won the right to have a public celebration in honor of their two patron saints. In 1878 Bulgaria won its freedom from Turkey, but it was not a secure freedom.

During World War II the nation fell under the control first of Nazi Germany and then of Soviet Russia. In 1947 a coup d'etat by a group of brutal Stalinists brought Bulgaria under the most ruthless anti-Christian persecution they have ever known.

It is significant that the Communists have apparently had no more success in shaking the people's faith in Christianity than did the Mongols or Turks.

The rulers of Soviet Russia, in fact, have a daily reminder of the enduring influence of Cyril and Methodius for they use the Cyrillic alphabet and, like Bulgaria, have refused to change to the more common Phoenician alphabet used in the rest of Europe

and America. In fact, the Soviet government, in the interest of Russian imperialism, has recently introduced the Cyrillic alphabet into Outer Mongolia where it is replacing, under compulsion, the old Chinese script in which the Mongolian language is written.

Cyril invented his alphabet, not to spread atheism, but the Word or God and it is possible that the Communists may yet find that the Christian faith of these missionary brothers will endure longer than those who try to turn their alphabet to base purposes.

NATIONS (Continued from page 1)

gressors set shows St. Louis of France in chains at Battle of Mansourah, 1250 A. D.

Ethiopia — In the Addis Ababa commemorative set the 15c shows the Raguel Church in the Entoto Hills; 25c shows Trinity (Selassie) Church, Addis Ababa.

France — Chapel of the Castle of Uzes. 12fr.-April 27. Rouen Cathedral. 35fr.-October 21.

French West Africa — Order of Malta. 15fr.

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Finland — Church at Lammi. 50mk. March 3.

German Democratic Republic — "Holy Family with Elizabeth and John" by Mantegna. 5fr.-March 6. "Christ and the Tribute Money" by Titian. 20pf.-March 6.

German Federal Republic — 350th anniversary of Paul Gerhardt, Protestant hymn writer. 20 pf.

1000th anniversary of Aschaffenburg-Bishop in coat-of-arms. 20pf.

Rabbi Dr. Leo Baeck. 20pf.-November 2.

Guatemala — Head of Christ and Cathedral. 1½c+1½c.

Cathedral. 10c+Q1.

Cathedral and Crucifix. 15c+Q1.

Head of Christ over globe. 20c+Q1.

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Israel — Bezalel University

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Italy — "Head of St. George" by Donatello, 500L., 1000L.

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Malta — "Baptism of Christ" statu group #1-January 5.

George Cross set — Maltese Cross—3d shows St. John Cathedral above skyline. Set of 3-April 15.

Malaya — Mosque, 5c.

Mozambique — Pelican feeding young, 30c, 50c-January 19.

Nicaragua — Managua Cathedral. 5c-July 16.

Bishop Pereira y Castellon, 10c-July 16.

Archbishop Lezcano y Ortega, 15c-July 16.

Leon Cathedral. 20c-July 16.

De la Merced Church. 50c-July 16.

Father Mariano Dubon. 1 cor.-July 16.

Paraguay — Set of 12 with 3 values showing Angel & Soldiers in front of the Oratory of the Virgin, Ascuncion.

Peru — Three crowns (symbol of Three Wise Men) in arms of Lima, 40c-September 15.

Cathedral of Lima & Eiffel Tower. 50c-September 15.

Fr. Martin de Porres. 40c.

Fr. Hippolite Pavon. 1.25 Sucres.

Pitcairn Islands — Bounty Bible. 2c-July 2.

Russia — Nestor, Russian monk and historian, 40k

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San Marino — Borgo Maggiore Church. 2L-May 9.

Spain — Christ and St. Margaret Mary. Alacoeque. 15c, 60c, 80c-October 12.

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Thailand — 2500th anniversary of the Buddhist era-May 13:

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Pagoda of Nakoa Phatom with Dharmachakra at left. 1b, 1.25b, 2b.

Turkey — Suleymaniye Mosque. 20k-October 18.

United States — 300th anniversary of the Flushing Remonstrance. 3c-December 27.

Vatican City — St. Dominic Savio. 4L, 25L-March 21.

St. Dominic Savio with St. John Bosco. 6L, 60L-March 21.

Capranica College. 5L, 35L-June 27.

Pope Pius XII. 10L, 100L-June 27.

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Set of 4 for Marizell Shrine in Austria

Zanzibar — Minaret and Mosque. 40c-August 24.

Interior of Dimbani Mosque. 2sh-August 24.

Religion on stamps is one of the three leading topics in number of stamps concerned and number of collectors interested.

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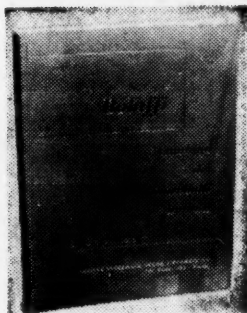
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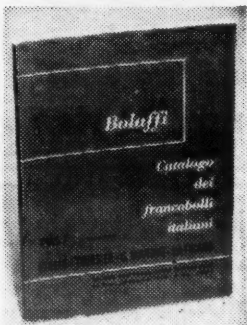
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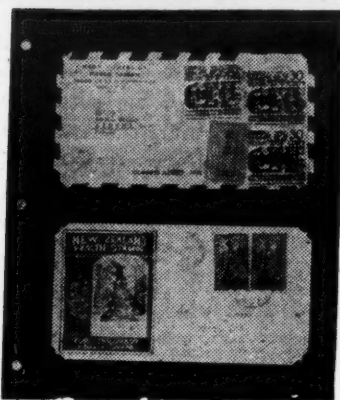
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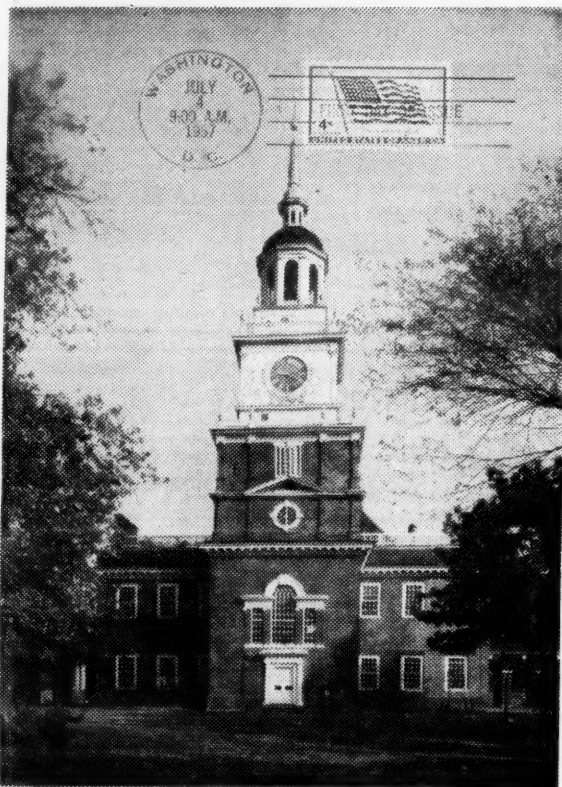
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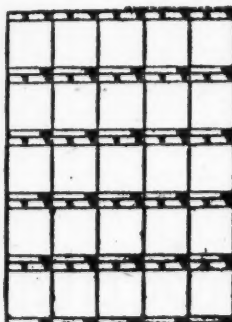
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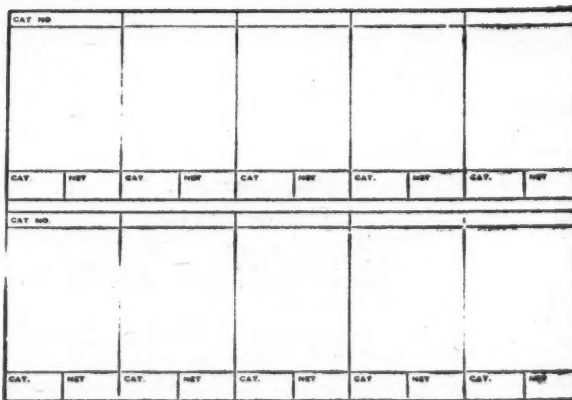
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1958 Hevia Catalog For Spain, Colonies

The stamps of Spain, the Colonies, former colonies and Cuba and the Philippines are listed in the 1958 edition of the "Catalogo Hevia," which is the publishers 11th. It is the product of Filatelica Hevia, Mayor 13, Madrid, Spain and can be obtained from this firm. The selling price plus postage is not known but inquiries will be answered promptly.

Listings are in the general style with little or no specialization. There are a number of items recorded which do not find their ways into other of the world's catalogs and for this reason the Hevia will have a lot of attraction for those following the governments mentioned above.

Language of the text is in Spanish; valuations are in pesetas. This will hardly be a handicap to one who has pursued issues of the Spanish area. There are many nice illustrations of the subject matter.

There are 154 pages bound between card covers.

Ghana Independence Set Coming March 6

A new set of four commemoratives to mark the first anniversary of the independence of the former Gold Coast colony, now Ghana, will be released March 1, according to the Ghana Philatelic Agency Ltd. of New York City.

The new country's flag will be shown in full color on each of the quartet, along with the following scenes: 1/2d, Hotel Ambassador; 2 1/2d, state opening of Parliament; 1/3d, national monument; and 2/-, Ghana's coat of arms.

The Agency reports also that overprinted values of the Queen Elizabeth series, in denominations of 2/-, 5/- and 10/-, are now available. The Ghana Ministry of Communications announces that the overprinted stamps are soon to be withdrawn from sale.

New Officers Elected By Newport Stamp Club

The Newport Stamp Club of the Armed Services YMCA, at their recent annual meeting, elected the following officers for 1958:

Leslie Ragsdale, president; Albert Hayward, vice-president; John A. Watson, treasurer, and Bruce Murray, secretary.

Information about the club is obtainable from the secretary at club headquarters, 50 Washington Square, Newport, R. I.



Jan.—James Madison High School Stamp Club, Public Library, 2115 Ocean Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Feb. 1-2—Dearborn Stamp Club, Miller High School, Dearborn, Mich.
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Feb. 15-16—Ravenswood Stamp Club, 4219 Lincoln Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Feb. 22—Ann Arbor Stamp Club, Michigan Union, Ann Arbor, Mich.
Feb. 22-23—Fox Valley Stamp and Coin Club, Masonic Temple, Aurora, Ill.
Feb. 22-23—Springfield Stamp Society, Bancroft Hotel, Springfield, Ohio.
Feb. 28, Mar. 1-2—POLPEX 1958, Polonus Philatelic Society, Polish Falcon Hall, Chicago, Ill.
Mar. 8-9—Dayton Philatelic Society, Loretto, Dayton, Ohio.
Mar. 8-9—Illinois Federation of Stamp Clubs, Pere Marquette Hotel, Peoria, Ill.
Mar. 8-9—North West Stamp Society and Scandinavian Collectors Club, K of C Hall, 13500 Leasure, Detroit, Mich.
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Mar. 22-23—Stamp Collectors Club of Toledo, Commodore Perry Hotel, Toledo, Ohio.

Postal Stationery Of U.S. Possessions

For a work of its extent — 80-odd pages 6 x 9 inches in size — the newly published catalog "Postal Stationery, United States Possessions" covers a great deal of ground. Editor George C. Slawson explains in his introduction that the volume is not intended to replace any existing books in the field, but, rather, to supplement them.

Listed are all postal stationery items especially designed (including overprints) for use in the possessions of the U. S. Given also are the earlier, independent issues of Hawaii. All recorded variations, excepting only the most minor ones, are included, as well as the numbers printed in many cases.

Excellent cooperation between the publishers of this catalog and those of the existing Thorp-Bartels and the United Postal Stationery Society has resulted in a work of much clarity and wide usefulness to the users of all these listings.

"Postal Stationery of U. S. Possessions" is both a monument and a tribute to the late Hugh M. Clark who during his lifetime did much groundwork and assembled a great deal of the material which was ultimately incorporated in the finished product. Editor Slawson and his associates have completed the Clark project worthily.

The volume is \$3.50 from the publishers, Van Dahl Publications, Inc., Albany, Ore.

NVPH Netherlands Specialized Ready

In these days of specialization, the collector who would go into much detail in the issues of a given country must have more information than is available in a general catalog. For the philatelist whose big interest is the stamps of the Netherlands and/or its possessions, the answer might well lie in the most recent (17th, 1958) edition of the Nederlandse Vereeniging Van Postzegelhandelaren "Special Catalogus" of the Netherlands, Indonesia, Surinam, Netherlands New Guinea and Antilles.

The work is again in the same handy format as previously, 4 1/4 x 7 1/4 inches in size, well printed on book paper, with flexible paper covers. In addition to the usual mine of information about the issues involved, it now carries listings of the numbers of first day covers sold of many issues.

As to be expected, prices of the 1958 edition show advances over earlier catalogs, particularly for 19th century material. It is up to date including the children's set of November.

The volume is well illustrated, and is printed in the Dutch language. It may be obtained from Julius Mansbach, 6739 Cornell Ave., Chicago 49, Ill., at \$1.50 postpaid.

Australia Promises Flowers, Regulars

A January 6 item from an Australian newspaper, submitted by Maj. R. C. Dettman, 72 Marlow St., Wembley, Western Australia, reports that the first three new adhesives of the year will depict flowers.

From designs of Australian artist Margaret Stones now in London, they will show the Flannel flower, the Waratah and Christmas bells. Values, date of issue, color and other details will be announced later.

Also reported by Maj. Dettman as being scheduled for 1958 are new issues of the 1/2d and 2d Queens, a new 3 1/2d Queen in green and a 4d in red, and a set-tenant pair of the 5 1/2d Federation.

Chapell's Book On Revenues Reprinted

In response to many requests from collectors of U. S. fiscals, the American Revenue Assn. has issued a reprint of the popular C. H. Chapell checklist of cancellations on the 1898 "Battleship" proprietary series.

While several enthusiasts requested that it be revised in the light of present knowledge in the field, the ARA deemed it proper to issue the original intact, and to add two sections containing matter not embraced in the first edition. At a later date when collectors have had opportunity to pool their findings, a revised third edition may be undertaken, according to the editors.

As now presented, the work consists of 91 pages of listings preceded by 16 of introductory matter and cross indexes; it represents in all a great amount of research, compiling, editing and collating. It is certainly a work without which the specialist in the 1898 "Battleship" field is going to find the going needlessly rough.

The production is offset printed on letterhead size pages with rounded corners, and punched for the standard 3-ring binder. It is priced at \$5 per copy, postpaid, from ARA vice president Morton D. Joyce, 1 East End Ave., New York 21, N. Y.

Rajpipla, Canada In New "Philatelist"

The 1957 volume, the 36th since the magazine was founded, of the "Collectors Club Philatelist" has now been completed with the November 1957 number. A wide range of stamp and postal history topics will be found covered.

The feature three articles are: Rajpipla, an Indian feudatory State, by H. D. S. Haverbeck. This is a comprehensive treatment, including postal stationery. Much new information, not in any previous treatment, is included.

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